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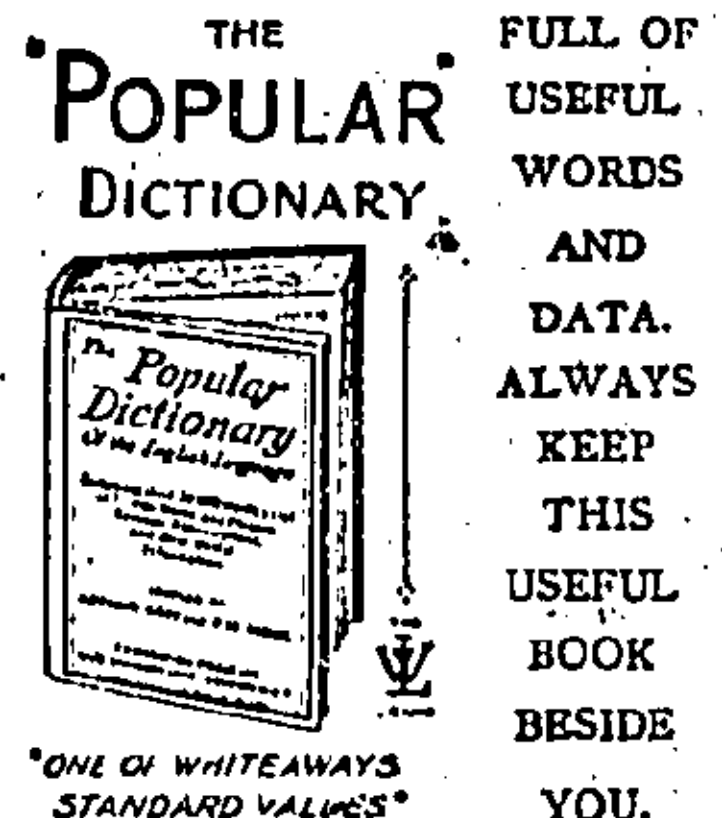


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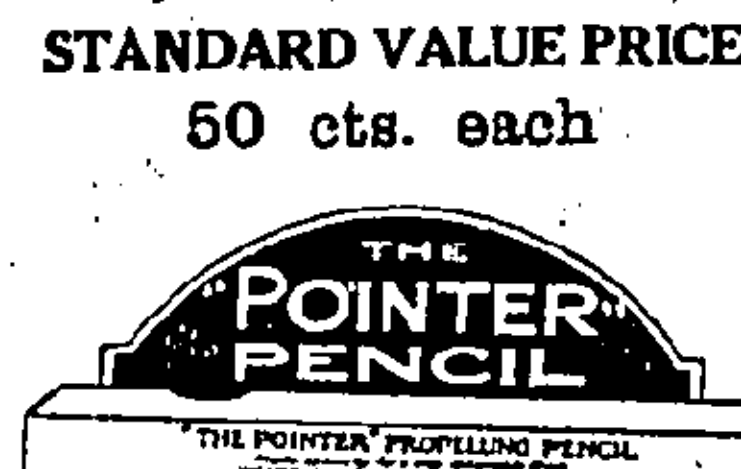
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BRITAIN AND CHINA. IMPORTANT NEW STATEMENT.

**THE TIDE OF EVENTS.
NANKING SANCTIONS NOW INEXPEDIENT.
HANKOW NOT TO BE RETAKEN.
FULL LIBERTY OF ACTION FOR THE FUTURE.**

London, May 9.

An important pronouncement on the Government's policy in China was made by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons at question time to-day in the course of which he stated that it has been decided not to cancel the Hankow agreement or to re-occupy the Hankow Concession at present, although there is ample justification for these steps, and that it has been further decided that application of sanctions for the Nanking outrages and failure to observe the conditions of the Hankow agreement is inexpedient. The other Governments have come to similar conclusions.—Reuter.

PERSONAL OPINIONS.

Mr. Eugene Chen And His Notes.

London, May 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) regarding the Government's intention concerning the Nanking outrages, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that Mr. Eugene Chen's replies to the Powers' identical Notes shirked the serious and immediate issues of the outrages and introduced irrelevant matter of the usual Nationalist propaganda kind.

The Powers were discussing further action in view of the unsatisfactory nature of Mr. Chen's reply when the events in the Yangtse region entirely changed the position. Within four days of the date of the reply a united Government of South China no longer existed. Mr. Chen and his Notes represented little more than his personal opinion.

The tools of the policy which culminated in the Nanking outrages were not paid Nationalist soldiery and city mobs but an organisation the driving force of which was borrowed directly or indirectly from the Third International.

Swift Retribution.

This policy by March was directed against General Chiang Kai-shek. The organised side of the Nanking outrages appeared to have been an attempt to embroil General Chiang Kai-shek with the foreign Powers.

It seemed two months ago that the Southern Party and the Nationalist armies would sweep China from South to North. Nanking had perhaps wrecked this altogether.

In view of the momentous development due to discrediting the Communists as foreign advisers in the eyes of China the question of punishment for the Nanking outrages had assumed an entirely new aspect.

The real offenders, namely the Communist agitators, were punished by the Nationalists with a severity and effectiveness of which no foreign Power was capable.

The Nationalist Government at Hankow had lost its dominating position and was at present little more than the shadow of a name. Mr. Chen's Notes received an answer in the practical disappearance of the power he affected to represent.

He had been left cut off by the tide of events in ruined and terror-stricken Hankow—the Foreign Minister of a Government which only exists in name.

Those in high places responsible for the Nanking outrages had been punished with a promptitude and completeness unusual in human affairs.

Powers' Moderation.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that whatever Government emerges from the present confusion north or south of the Yangtse will be held responsible for the outrages to British subjects and compensation and reparation will be demanded.

The Government's one desire was that such a government would arise which would renounce the policy of anti-foreign agitation and misrepresentation which had ruined its predecessor, and should its responsibilities fairly and squarely, liquidating the past and building up a better future on a reasonable basis of treaty revision.

It was too early to predict the strength or policy of the new Nationalist Government being formed at Nanking, but he had no hesitation in forthwith saying that the Powers' moderation in dealing with the Nanking incident was largely inspired by a desire not to embarrass this or any other new Government in the task of introducing order in the territory under their control.

Future of Hankow.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Government had very carefully considered the question of re-occupying the former British Concession at Hankow. The logic and justice of that at first strongly appealed to us.

The signing of the Hankow agreement was deliberately designed by us as a sign of the friendly attitude of Britain towards the Chinese Nationalist Government and Nationalist aspirations.

We would be amply justified in re-occupying the Concession. The Nationalist Government had neither observed the spirit of the agreement nor had attempted to reciprocate our friendly attitude.

Sir Austen Chamberlain quoted in this respect the incidents at Chinkiang and Nanking, the evacuation of all British subjects from up-country districts and many Yangtse towns, and the closing of the consulates.

"We have means at hand of re-occupying the Concession and regarding the agreement as cancelled by the Nationalists' own act, but after full consideration His Majesty's Government has decided not to take this step now, and hope it may not be forced upon them."

Revising Treaties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that the Hankow agreement was not signed for the exigencies of the moment, but in view of our whole future policy in China. The world in general and all Chinese were in a position to appreciate its significance and generosity and to recognise it as tangible proof of the sincerity of our desire towards the Northern and Southern Governments to revise treaties in the broadest and most liberal spirit when Chinese conditions permit.

The British Government is not willing even under the provocation received to abandon hope that this friendly policy will presently evoke an equally friendly response from a Chinese Government freed from foreign domination.

Liberty of Action.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said: "Taking all the facts of the future and past into consideration, we have decided at present that application of sanctions for the Nanking outrages or failure to observe the conditions of the Hankow agreement is inexpedient, however fully justified."

He believed that similar reasoning had led the other interested Governments to a like conclusion.

"The Government therefore does not propose to address a further Note to Mr. Chen." We have so informed the other Powers, adding that we reserve full liberty of action regarding the future, particularly in respect of any further outrages which may be perpetrated on the British flag, British nationals, and British property. (Ministerial cheers.)

Replying to a question arising out of his statement, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was loth to ask the heavily burdened British taxpayer to compensate British victims until a more stable Chinese Government existed.—Reuter.

CHINA'S WAR.

Hankow Reds Losing Heavily.

CHIANG'S SLIGHT REVERSES.

Hankow, May 9.

The Southern forces (i.e. those under the control of the Hankow Communist wing of the Kuomintang) are cut off between Chumien and Liu-lin.

The Northern invaders from Fengtien (i.e. those under Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Peking) are at Chumien but have not yet reached the Honan-Hupeh provincial border which, roughly, separates the Hankow Nationalists from the Fengtien Army.

There are appearances that the "Reds" are acting independently of Hankow and in sympathy with the Northerners.

Propaganda Train Captured.

At Liu-lin (mentioned above), the Northerners cut the railway that runs from Peking down to Hankow. A special propaganda train of the Southern forces was captured here. Some of the officials on the train were shot by the Northerners.

The Russians in Hankow have made further attempts to send money and ammunition up the Han River into the territory of General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian general"). Such efforts have been stopped.

[Note: The Han River is a tributary of the Yangtse, running from the north-west to central China.]

Bridge Blown Up.

A bridge on the railway has been blown up but the Southerners have repaired it. The headquarters in the field of the Hankow army has been withdrawn to Hsiao-shan close to the border of Hupeh province, influence—British Naval Wireless.

The "Reds" referred to above may mean a section of the Hankow army in the field, or remnants of Marshal Chang Tso-lin's Northerners, who have been overrun by the Fengtien invaders; or the "Red Spears" (or White Wolf Cubs), who are semi-bandits, professedly in alliance with the Kuomintang; or the "Red" army of the Christian general. At any rate, their sympathy with the Northern Army from Peking is indicative of that unit being the victors at the moment.

Merchant Ships Convoys.

Chinkiang, May 9.

Yesterday a convoy of merchant ships arrived here from further down the River without being attacked by Chinese forces on the banks of the Yangtse.

Yesterday, the volume of rifle fire by the opposing forces on each bank of the river was comparatively small.—British Naval Wireless.

Position at Wuhu.

Wuhu, May 9.

Northern soldiers now hold a line running from Liu-an-chow to Lake Hsichow.

Units from the 7th, 15th and 44th Nationalist Armies (loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek), are opposing the Northerners on this line.

Very few, if any, Nationalist troops have been left in Wuhu.—British Naval Wireless.

Wuhu is on the south bank of the Yangtse, above Nanking. The Shantung Army made a drive in this direction, pushing back a part of Chiang Kai-shek's line, with the result mentioned above.

Shanghai Quiet.

Shanghai, May 9.

No change has occurred in the situation here.

CHOLERA AT HAIPHONG.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Haiphong on account of cholera.

Yunnanfu (Yunnan), April 26.

Further details are now to hand about the dastardly attack on a party of the China Inland Mission by semi-irregular Yunnanese soldiers at Shih-tung. The party comprised the Rev. Harris Slichter, Mrs. Slichter, two children, and Miss Craig. They left Shih-tung, on their way to Yunnanfu, with an escort of 110 soldiers provided by the local authorities. When only a short distance out, they were attacked by a gang of 250 soldiers who have not been paid, but who wore uniforms. The escort fled.

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Amoy Students.

Amoy, May 9.

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YUNNAN OUTRAGE.

FURTHER DETAILS OF WANTON MURDERS.

YANGTSE FIRING.

AMOY POLICE DISPERSE UNRULY CROWD.

Further details have reached Hong Kong of the recent murder of a missionary and his son in Yunnan and the capture of two ladies and a child by soldier bandits.

Firing on the Yangtse is again reported to-day, a British gunboat being shot at with rifles. The fire was answered with machine guns. There were no casualties.

A demonstration took place outside the Municipal Council's office in the Settlement at Amoy yesterday but was dispersed by the police without serious effort.

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Further Details of Wanton Crime.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

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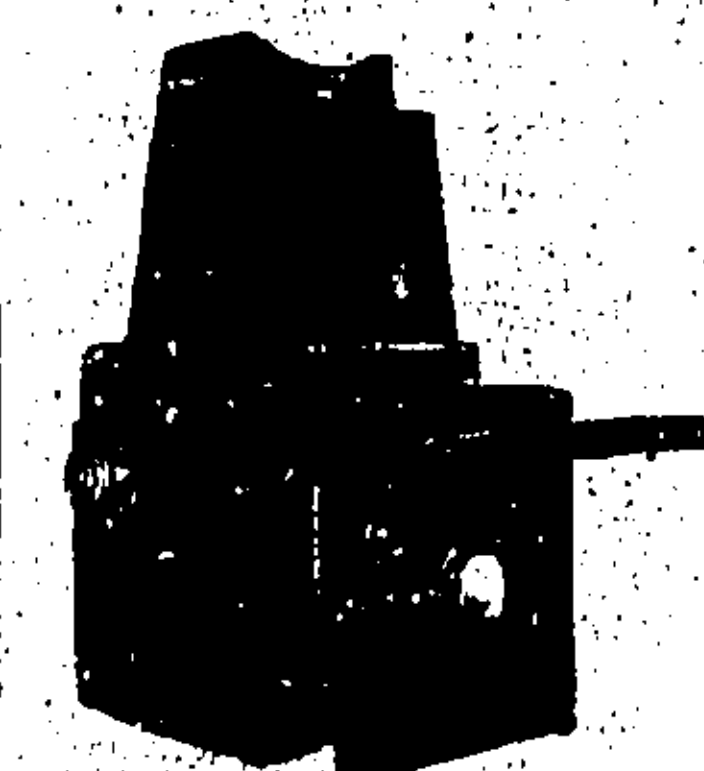
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DATE		HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
May		Standard Times	Hr.	Sea- dard Times	Hr.
Fri.	9	m 7 13	4.1	m 5 2	3.7
		m 11 43	6.6	m 7 49	3.8
Sat.	7	m 1 2	3.5	m 9 3	1.5
		0 27.4	0.0	0 3	0.0
Sun.	8	No inferior	H.W.	No inferior	L.W.
		1 14.6	6.0	10 14.6	1.6
Mon.	9	No inferior	H.W.	No inferior	L.W.
		2 3.3	5.6	11 16.6	1.7
Tues.	10	m 7 13	4.1	m 11 3	3.4
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.....	火火沙山	公	each	—	—	2
.....	火火沙山	公	„	—	—	—

Fruits.

...	杏仁	lb.	60	35	—
a)...	金山榨	"	24	24	—
...	虎山香	"	7	4	—
...	梧榔	"	—	12	—
...	椰干	each	13	10	10
)...	椰油	lb.	18	7	0
...	金山榨	each	7	8	0

荔枝干	lb.	35	25	30
新會甜橙	"	22	—	—
檸檬	"	30	—	15
沙梨	"	14	—	—
花生	"	14	10	12
紅柿	"	—	12	—

.....	大	燕	0	3	—
.....	通	柚	each 18	12	6
.....	合	桃	lb. 24	—	16
.....	著	提	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

.....	猪牙	each	12	—	8
.....	芝	lb.	6	—	7
.....	竹	"	12	8	—
.....	菜	"	2	—	—
.....	角	"	2	—	—

紅香清紅茶	瓜	"	6	5	9
紅香清紅茶	瓜	"	6	5	8
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...	香	薯	5	3	—
...	日本	仔	5	3	—
...	金山	仔	6	3	—

冬瓜	斤	6	4	4
紅薯	斤	5	—	—
大干葱	斤	15	—	10
干葱	斤	8	8	—
干葱	斤	8	—	—

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.....	胡萝卜	"	10	7	1-1-1
.....	洋葱	"	5	6	1-1-1
(mg).	大蒜	"	5	4	1-1-1
.....	韭菜	"	—	4	1-1-1

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ISSUES OF LONG PERIOD LOAN

Our Paris correspondent writes that considerable stir has been aroused in French shipping and shipbuilding circles by the statement made a few days ago by M. Andre Tardieu, Minister of Public Works and of the Mercantile Marine, to the effect that to ensure that France may be able to handle more of her own overseas trade and avoid the payment of large sums to foreign shipowners in respect of freight, her merchant fleet must be increased from its present 3½ million tons gross to at least 5 millions. In order to bring this about, the Government propose to resuscitate the old scheme of a *Credit Maritime*, about which so much has been heard in the past few years.

This, briefly, consists of the formation of a fund from which loans can be made to shipowners to enable them to place orders for new vessels. The loans would be for long periods and the rate of interest very low, but the most important feature of the project—the method of raising the money—still remains a mystery and is causing a great deal of speculation in interested quarters. The situation is by no means simplified by the fact that the French Government is obviously not in a position to find the money itself without having recourse to some system of taxation, for French State finances have been in a difficult position for some time, whilst the sums required to build vessels in France under present conditions are very large indeed.

Opponents of the scheme put forward the argument that the chief object to be aimed at in connection with the development of the national mercantile marine should not be a mere increase in the volume of tonnage, but should rather be an improvement in the efficiency and equipment of the vessels in service. It is pointed out that the failure of many French owners to keep abreast of the times and turn their attention to motor-ships has resulted in their being unable to compete with foreigners on an equal footing.

It certainly cannot be said that the French miss any opportunities to increase the comforts provided for passengers or the facilities for the handling of cargo on their vessels but the majority of them do seem to have overlooked the question of investigating the possibilities of more modern methods of propulsion and it would perhaps be better for the trade of the country generally if the Government directed its thoughts more in this direction than merely to an increase in the number of vessels flying the French flag.

TROUBLE AMONG STEWARDS.

Fearing trouble among American and Filipino members of the steward's staff who were due to be paid off, the Captain of the "President Grant" yesterday summoned the aid of the local police. Every available man of all rank, European, Indian and Chinese, drawn from the various stations were sent on board the ship under the charge of Divisional Inspector Aris and it is said that this show of force quieted the ship's men and averted a serious fracas.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P., also visited the vessel but came away soon afterwards. The men of the steward's staff, numbering some 120, were alleged to have been dissatisfied with the treatment they had received, and had threatened to damage to cargo on board and it was to protect this that the police were called in.

Nothing untoward happened after the police took charge and after being paid off the men left the ship singly and in small groups. This crew were engaged in the place of the usual Chinese crew because on the last voyage out the "President Grant" was carrying troops for Manila. This completed their engagement but the men were carried on to Hong Kong, the end of the outward voyage, before being paid off, so that there could be no ground for complaint about the trip not being completed.

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NEW YORK.

THE FUTURE OF HARBOUR NAVIGATION.

Elimination of the Consolidated Hell Gate Pilots' Association under the plan for reorganization of State departments is strongly opposed by marine underwriters and a communication has been addressed to Governor Smith by Mr. T. Catesby Jones of Bingham, Engle and Jones, counsel for the New York Board of Underwriters, urging revision of this portion of the reorganization programme, so that vessels traversing the dangerous channels of the East River may have the benefit of competent pilotage.

The Hell Gate Pilots' Association, now controlled by the Board of Port Wardens, which is to be abolished in the proposed scheme of reorganization, is an old established body with an intense esprit de corps. Mr. Jones pointed out, and abolition of the present organization would mean that a new staff would have to be built up if vessels in foreign trade are to make use of the East River, inasmuch as pilotage is compulsory under the Federal laws for vessels inbound or outbound in foreign trade.

Records of steamers piloted through Hell Gate for the past six years, Mr. Jones said, show a total of 677 in 1921, 587 in 1922, 785 in 1923, 844 in 1924, 864 in 1925 and 905 in 1926, the heaviest traffic being in the seven months from May to November, inclusive. With the completion of the improvements now being carried on by the War Department, he said a still larger number of vessels may be expected to make use of the channel. The suggestion that tug-boat captains could act as pilots for all steamers does not meet the needs of the situation, Mr. Jones said, inasmuch as it would entail the establishment by tug boat men of a station at City Island, such as the one now maintained there by the Hell Gate pilots. There would be certain other disadvantages, arising from competition of boat captains for the added revenue from such service, he added.

The underwriters, Mr. Jones said, are in complete sympathy with the effort to reorganize the business of the State, but feel that the interests of shipping would be served by retention of the present pilot service, whether under the present control or otherwise. It is also the opinion of the underwriters, he said, that the pilotage system of the whole country should be reorganized under Federal control.

NEW FOG SIREN.

Chefoo District.
The Coast Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs notifies that a new first-order fog siren has been established at the North-east Shantung Promontory Light-station at the site of the former siren signal. The siren, which will be sounded during foggy or thick weather on and after May 15, will give three blasts of equal pitch, and each of two seconds duration, every 1½ minutes, thus:—

	seconds.
Blast	2
Silence	3
Blast	2
Silence	3
Blast	2
Silence	7

JAPANESE LAUNCHES SEIZED.

Manila, May 9.
The Constabulary captured two Japanese launches at Calayan, Babuyan Islands, near Formosa, yesterday. Twenty-five men forming the crews have been jailed at Aparri.—Reuter.

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	Friday	May 6	5 a.m.	
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LONDON DOCKS.

A DEMAND FOR BETTER APPROACHES.

STRONG CASE MADE OUT.

The London Chamber of Commerce is again actively engaged in calling the attention of the Government to the urgent need for the improvement of the roads and approaches to the London Docks. In a statement just issued, it is recalled that in March 1924, following a largely-attended public meeting at the Cannon Street Hotel, a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce and other trading organisations, headed by Lord Kylsant, the then President of the Chamber, waited upon the Minister of Transport, to urge the need for proceeding, without delay, with the Victoria Dock Road scheme, which had already been adopted by the Ministry. The facilities for transporting goods by road to and from the docks had not kept pace with the developments in the Port of London, and were, in fact, rapidly deteriorating while improvements in the port were continually being made.

"Assurances were given by the Minister," the statement proceeds, "that the work would be put in hand at the earliest possible date, but the passage of the London Traffic Bill and the provision of alternative housing accommodation for persons who might be displaced of their tenements by demolition, were conditions precedent to any work being commenced. The London Traffic Act came on to the Statute Book in 1921 and other Acts to provide for improvement schemes have since been passed, added to which, large sums have been contributed to the Road Fund by motor traffic users, but no provision has yet been made for carrying out this work, vitally essential to the overseas trade and commerce of London."

Road Congestion. "During the time which has elapsed since the Victoria Dock Road scheme was drawn up, the congestion on the roads to the docks has been steadily increasing, and last year, according to the report of the Administration of the Road Fund, the point at which the highest average daily weight of traffic passed was near the iron bridge over the River Lea, where 45,486 tons were observed to pass during a period of 24 hours. "Repeated representations have been made by the Chamber to the Government, and both the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee and the recent Royal Commission on Cross-River Traffic have strongly recommended the carrying out of the scheme. In these circumstances, and in view of the rumours regarding the intentions of the Government regarding the Royal Commission's recommendations, the Chamber has addressed the following letter to the Minister of Transport:—

"Sir,—I am instructed by the Executive of this Chamber to refer to the correspondence which passed between us in October and November last, with reference to the scheme for improving the roads and approaches to the docks."

"The Chamber has noted with satisfaction that the strongly worded recommendation of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee as to the urgency of the Victoria Dock Road scheme has since been endorsed by the Royal Commission on Cross-River Traffic in London. References have, however, recently appeared in the Press as to the possible intentions of the Government regarding the recommendations of the Royal Commission, and while the Chamber recognizes the great importance of all those recommendations, it wishes again strongly to emphasize the urgency of the Victoria Dock Road scheme. In the view of the Chamber none of the other schemes put forward by the Commission is of equal importance to the trade and commerce of London."

"I am instructed therefore, to express the hope that H.M. Government will see its way to make an early pronouncement to the effect that the Victoria Dock Road scheme will shortly be put in hand. Yours faithfully, (Sd.) A. de V. Leigh, (Secretary)."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on May 11.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port yesterday, at 4 p.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on May 16, at about 6 a.m.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama yesterday, at 7 a.m., left that port in the same afternoon at 5, and is due at Hong Kong on May 16.

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INTERVIEW WITH CONSUL BIRN.

"We find Liverpool is a better port than London for our trade," said Mr. Edward Birn, the Consul-General for the Republic of Latvia in Britain, during an interview with "The Journal of Commerce." Mr. Birn was on the point of leaving for Latvia to present a report to his Government on possible shipping developments between this country and Latvia. It takes two and a half days to reach Riga from London (via Germany), and Mr. Birn referred with pride to the fact that the main Latvian port was now navigable all the year round, thanks to the ice-breaker recently built by Messrs. Beardmore and Co., the "Krisjanis Valdemars," the largest ice-breaker in the world.

"We can get much better prices for our bacon, eggs and butter in Liverpool than in London, and as we are mainly an agricultural country, we want to develop this trade. It is true that Messrs. W. H. Stott and Co., Ltd., Liverpool, run a regular service between Riga and Liverpool, but we should like to see this very much extended. London is useful to us at the moment, because it has a regular weekly service run by the United Baltic Corporation."

Must Have a Merchant Marine.

"The ambition of Latvia at the present is to build up a really good Merchant Marine. Ours was destroyed, mainly by Germany, in the war. In 1914, we had 333 ships, of 87,960 net tons. In 1926 we had over 117 ships of 40,034 net tons. At present our largest ships are about 6,000 tons, and we are buying second-hand vessels in Britain. Sailing ships are now replaced by steamers and motor vessels."

"I have just been visiting Hull, Newcastle and Liverpool, and we want to develop our trade with these ports. After the war shipping between Liverpool and Riga dropped to a fraction. It has now slightly revived. If things develop, as they promise in the next year, the trade with Liverpool should be doubled. We used to get 250,000 tons of coal from Newcastle every year. Now we get coal mainly from Germany and Poland."

Profitable State Shipping.

Mr. Birn went on to explain how the Latvian Government shipping service was the only State service in the world that paid a profit. At present it owned eight steamers, and these traded with profit to all European and other ports. There were 30 private shipping companies in Latvia, but none of these resented the competition of the State line.

"We have 52 Consuls now in the British Empire, and it is to the British Empire we look first of all for the development of our trade," added Mr. Birn. "All these Consuls are British, and understand the trade we want to develop. Our trade with South Africa, India and Australia has been doubled in the last two years. We export paper, plywood and matches chiefly, and import hides and skins and other raw materials, and also agricultural implements—and the best of these are British."

MERCHANT SERVICE.

The secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association understands that the masters, navigating and engineer officers in the employ of the Prince Line have recently received substantial increases in their rates of pay. They include £5 per month for masters; £3 per month for chief officers, £1 10s. to £2 per month for second officers; and £1 to £1 10s. per month for third officers, with the addition of special foreign service allowances.

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WARSHIP BURIAL.

The ashes of the late Capt. K. McLeod, formerly in command of the flotilla leader "Wallace," attached to the Atlantic Fleet, were buried at sea off Spithead.

The casket containing the ashes was conveyed in the "Wallace," the widow and several friends being on board. Naval buglers sounded the Last Post, and three volleys were fired by a party from the deck of the ship.

CONRAD AT SEA.

MET THE CAPTAIN AT A TEA PARTY.

SOME INTIMATE LETTERS.

"The World To-day" in the March number concludes its publication of the intimate letters of Joseph Conrad. These letters include one telling what he thought of the palatial liner which carried him across the Atlantic. To his correspondent he says:—

"I share to the full your sentiments about all kinds of mechanical propulsion. It changed the life entirely, and changed also the character of the (sea) men. There is not much difference now between a deck and a factory hand. In the early part of last year (1923) I crossed to New York with my old friend Capt. David Bone, commanding the "Tuscania." Of course, I was made free of the bridge and the navigation room. I won't say I was not interested. I was, in a way, for about 30 hours, till I went twice over all the switches working various gadgets. But I remained cold, completely cold, before all those things which make the position of a ship's officer almost an indoor occupation. It is a fact that one can take a ship along now in white gloves and without, so to speak, opening one's mouth once."

Capt. Bone, who had some ten years of sail, told me that they had wholly lost the "weather sense," that touch with the natural phenomena of wind and sea which was the very breath of our professional life. I was generally in his room when he was interviewing the heads of "departments," and I went also with him on his rounds. Once he made the remark to me that being a shipmaster now was not like being in command of a ship, but at the head of an administration. However, he told me also that in certain circumstances those big ferry boats required careful handling and that no two of them were alike."

I returned in the "Majestic." As to that, all I can tell you is that on the 6½ days' passage I hardly put my nose once on deck. It was really too dreary. I met the Captain at a tea-party given by a fashionable lady passenger, but only exchanged a few words with him. What I remember best is him telling me that in one way or another the command of a big ship like that was a pretty heavy load on a man's shoulders."

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

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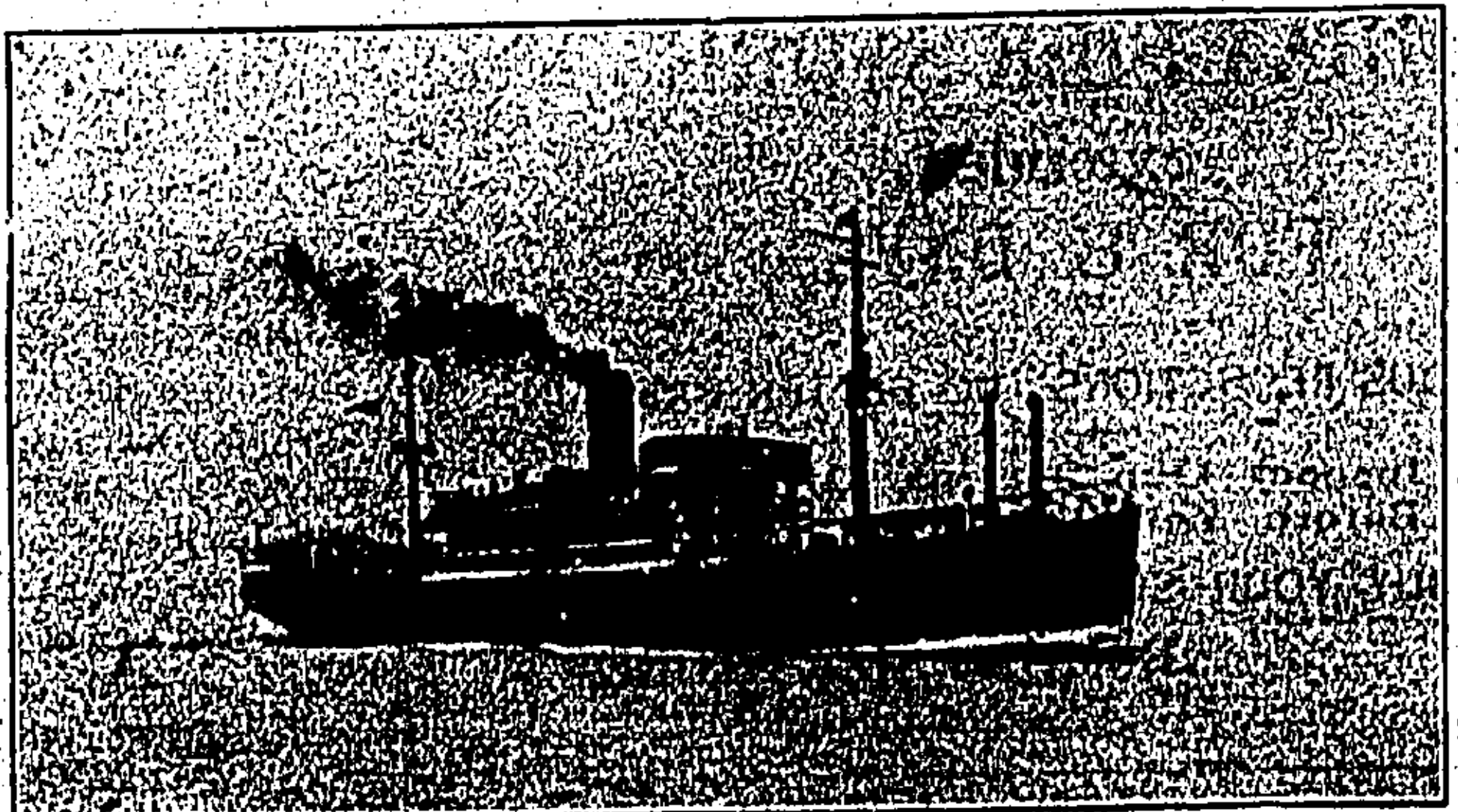
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"DISCREDITED."

Of vital importance to the whole of the issues in China is the statement made in the House of Commons yesterday by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. It is a statement of the kind that makes straightforward concurrence or criticism very difficult in the absence of a verbatim report—and that will not be in our possession, naturally, for some weeks. Still, perhaps the main point—or at least one of the main points—made quite clear in the cabled summary is that Eugene Chen and Co. in Hankow have been completely discredited. Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasises in language most forcible that anything emanating from Eugene Chen can only be regarded as his personal opinion. And as he is cut off by the tide of events that opinion is absolutely valueless and any decisions that it seeks to reflect are worth even less than the proverbial brass farthing. The Hankow crowd can safely be left to stew in their own juice. Anything they may say or do cannot exercise the slightest influence on those high ideals that animated this particular Nationalist clique when they first set out from Hankow to conquer the whole of China and bring the "hated Imperialists" to their knees. Bolshevik-riders as they are, China and the rest of the world will be the better for their political and diplomatic decease.

Having thus disposed of Eugene Chen it is only logical for the British Government to decide, at the moment, against applying the

sanctions to the Nanking and other incidents. One cannot make demands, however reasonable and justifiable in all other respects, from a person who has been rendered hors de combat. Not only have the wings of the Communist element in the Nationalist Party been clipped—they have been severed entirely from the main Party now functioning in Hankow and Canton, respectively. And as far as direct punishment for the Communist-inspired outrages is concerned, Sir Austen Chamberlain does well to point out that this has been already meted out by General Chiang Kai-shek and his subordinates in a manner far removed from all ideas of common humanity. The vengeance taken on the Communists has been swift and terrible. Of sentiment there has been not a vestige. The result is that to-day any person in the territory ruled by General Chiang Kai-shek who dares to hold up his head in support of the Reds is doomed to a death revolting to civilised ethics.

In all the circumstances it may be eventually agreed that the modified British policy, which has been formally communicated to the other Powers interested in China, has the merit of sanity and soundness. It may appear at first sight exasperating to think that the question of reparations for the Nanking outrages must be deferred until the very problematical time when a stable Nationalist Government will be securely in power. But he would be wiser than the diplomats who could conceive of any other way out of the tangle that has arisen since the Note was originally presented to Mr. Eugene Chen.

Whatever the future may hold, this can with confidence be said—that far from being ruthless, vindictive, and impetuous in the face of outrage upon outrage and humiliation upon humiliation, the British Government has not deviated one inch from its traditional policy of friendship toward the Chinese people as a whole. That in itself ought to stand the British in good stead when the opportune moment does arise in the near or more distant future for claiming reparations in respect of Nanking.

Japan's Marines.
Sailorsmen have been very considerably puzzled over the Press reports of large numbers of Japanese marines being landed in

China to fight alongside their British brethren, for nobody has ever yet seen one. Says the "Journal of Commerce" (Liverpool): As a matter of fact, they do not exist, the Marine Corps being the only feature in which the Japanese Navy did not copy British pattern. The landing parties have consisted very largely of seamen commanded by naval officers, with a good many Regular soldiers brought direct from Japan. The little Japanese seamen are delighted to be working alongside the British, for whatever disagreements there may be in commerce, there is no straining of relations between the two navies. The Japanese Navy will never forget the lessons learned from the British, and acknowledges them generously and freely. If we wanted any evidence of the opinion in which we are held by that service it is only necessary to remember an incident that occurred last year, when the Japanese training squadron could not get any nearer to England than Malta. But every officer in the fleet took the opportunity to come overland to see the country which he honoured so much, being quite happy to spend nine days in train and steamer in order to be there for a maximum of 36 hours.

OVER 1,500,000.

THE CHINESE IN BRITISH TERRITORY.

LIVES AND PROPERTY SAFE.

It is sometimes overlooked that if there are British residents in China there is also a far bigger Chinese population in British territory.

Mr. John H. Harris, speaking at Darlington recently upon "The Chinese Peril," said that over 5,100 Chinese were resident in the British Isles, and over 1,580,000 within the British Empire. In Canada alone there were over 40,000, or nearly three times as many as the total number of British subjects in the whole of China. With very few exceptions, there had been accorded to the persons and property of these 1,580,000 Chinese all the privileges and protection of British law and administration, and none could deny that their lives and their quite extensive and valuable property were as safe as the lives and property of our own subjects. We were entitled to ask from the Chinese the same measure of protection for the 14,000 British subjects and their property, in China, as British Governments were giving to the 1,580,000 Chinese living within the British Empire. Beyond this we ought not to insist upon being accorded any special privileges.

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HONG KONG'S GIFT.

CAPTAIN FRYATT MEMORIAL FUND.

"A MOST GENEROUS DONATION."

By the last China mail, the secretary of the Captain Fryatt Memorial Fund received a further most generous donation of £100 for the Children's section of the fund, from the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, says the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce." Inclusive of this munificent contribution the Hong Kong Women's Guild and League have now contributed altogether the substantial sum of £2,110 12s. 1d. to the Fryatt Fund, which has enabled the committee to do splendid work in rendering timely assistance in the education and maintenance of a large number of orphans of merchant service captains and officers.

The secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild—who is the honorary secretary of the Captain Fryatt Memorial Fund—in acknowledging receipt of the draft, has again expressed to the president and committee of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and League grateful thanks for their continued generous assistance in this matter, which is so greatly appreciated by the whole profession. We might mention that there are many calls upon the Fryatt Fund at the present time, not the least of which by any means are the applications received in respect of the education and maintenance of children. At the last meeting of the committee of the fund, held at the headquarters of the guild, a considerable number of cases were dealt with, many of a very sad and distressing nature, and lump sums as well as weekly grants were made, according to the particular circumstances. This fund is deserving of the support of all merchant service captains and officers, and their relatives especially, having regard to the fact that it is the only fund of its kind in being confined strictly to the cases of masters and officers and their dependants.

CONTRACT LAW.

Not Enforceable on an "Infant?"

LEGAL ARGUMENT TO-DAY.

Legal authorities were quoted at great length at the Supreme Court this morning by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. in the case in which Loo Kwong-lam and Kwong-hing claim the annulment of a mortgage for \$400,000 on the grounds that they were "infants" (not of age) at the date of execution.

The question of fraud having been alleged in the filed statement of defence, Mr. Potter (for the plaintiffs), whilst holding that the documents in question were signed by the two plaintiffs without knowledge that they were committing themselves to an agreement they could not be legally liable for, cited authorities in support of his contention that such a mortgage, even if entered into by fraud, was not enforceable but null and void.

The "Infants Relief Act" figured largely in Mr. Potter's argument. Under this, he claimed, any contract for debt entered into by an infant was absolutely void and the mortgage with which the present case was concerned was nothing but a contract for debt—in other words, a loan. As such, it came directly within the Infants Relief Act.

The Act in question, counsel stated, provided that "all contracts, whether specialty or simple contracts, entered into by infants for repayment of money lent or to be lent" were void; that "an infant has no power to bind himself by contract of mortgage made by him to secure moneys advanced to him other than necessities; and that "an infant, being generally incapable of binding himself by contract, cannot by himself enter into a contract of mortgage or create authority secured on his property for mortgage money."

Counsel said he was not going to suggest that an infant could buy a piece of land and, disclosing his true status later, decline to pay for it or to give back the land. In certain circumstances, equitable relief could be given such as the recovery of the loan. In the case before His Lordship, counsel claimed that there was no relief which could be given the defendants. If relief could be applied then it would be the repayment of the \$5,000 and \$4,000, if the plaintiffs, in fact, received this money.

Mr. Potter addressed the Court throughout the whole of the morning and will call evidence in support later in the day.

The defence has not yet opened. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett), together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, were for the plaintiffs; Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. G. C. N. Tinson, of Johnson, Stokes and Master) was for the defendants.

DOUGLAS CO.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR LAST YEAR.

EFFECT OF THE BOYCOTT.

The report of The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1926 (for presentation to the 44th annual meeting on May 21) reads as follows:—

After paying all running expenses, docking charges, premia of insurance, allowances for leave and pensions, and transferring the sum of \$100,000 from the company's underwriting account for depreciation, there remains a loss on working account of \$93,981.32 which has been met by the transfer of a similar amount from the Reserve Fund.

This loss was made almost entirely in the first half year—during which the boycott against Hong Kong by the Cantonese authorities still existed.

When the boycott was ultimately withdrawn, about the middle of October, trade to the port of Swatow was resumed and since then earnings have proved satisfactory. The loss on Coast exchange, however, proved to be a very serious item, and militated against any profit during the 2nd half year's working.

Consulting Committee.—With much regret we have to report the death of Mr. W. E. Clarke. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang resigned his seat on leaving the Colony. Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. L. Davies have been invited to fill these vacancies.

The Committee now consists of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. L. Davies, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who retire and offer themselves for re-election.
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LAND INVESTMENT.

FEES TO SIR P. CHATER'S ESTATE.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL MEETING.

At this morning's extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., the resolution was passed approving the payment of a year's Managing Director's fees to the Executor of the late Sir Paul Chater's estate.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided, supported by Mr. A. H. Compton. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. P. White (directors), Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. H. A. Rodgers, D. Skinner, A. M. McKirdy, R. E. Macdougall, R. Sutherland, T. G. Weall, H. Gittins, A. M. da Silva, F. Laurel, A. Murdoch, W. E. L. Shenton, N. V. A. Croucher, Frank Austin, R. M. G. Silva, B. C. Randall, J. M. P. da Graca, B. J. Lacom, D. J. Purves, W. Brackeridge, W. Lithgow Smith and G. M. Shaw.

The Chairman said:—You will recollect that at our last annual meeting on January 27 I referred to the item in the balance sheet of the Company as at December 31, 1926, "Managing Director's Fees, in Suspense \$21,846.26" representing a portion of the fees for 1926 which were due to the late Sir Paul Chater calculated up to the date of his death.

Our legal advisers are doubtful if the Estate of the deceased is legally entitled to these fees owing to the way clause 95 (b) of the Articles of Association is worded. However your Directors are unanimous in considering that the sum in question should be paid to the Estate having regard to the work of Sir Paul during early months of the year and do not wish to endeavour to press what may be the technical-meaning of the Article referred to.

Under the circumstances they have been advised to call this meeting and ask for the approval of shareholders to making the payment to the estate and I trust you will be agreeable to it.

I now beg to propose that the resolution advertised and as read by the Secretary be passed as an ordinary resolution and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. A. H. Compton seconded and the resolution, which was as follows, was unanimously carried: "That this meeting authorises the Directors to pay to the Executor of the late Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the "Managing Director's fees in suspense" shown in the Company's last balance sheet, which represent the proportion, calculated up to the date of his death, of the remuneration to which the deceased would have become entitled, if he had survived to the end of the year, under Article No. 95 (B) of the Articles of Association."

AN EXCITING TRIP.

London, May 9.

Three British women, Misses Mildred, Cable and Francesca, and the French woman Mlle. Eva, French China Inland missionaries, have arrived in England on a tour through the Gobi desert, Turkistan, Southern Siberia and Moscow.

In an interview they stated that it took them four months to reach Omsk from Suchoy. They were held up by the military on the borders of Turkistan because the Governor would not allow anyone to pass without his personal permission. He was terrified that travellers are agents for the Bolsheviks and General Feng.

He has already ordered his "flowery casket" for he says that it will be his only home if either party gains an entrance into his territory.

Officials on the Soviet frontier made the travellers leave all literature behind them but otherwise were friendly.—Reuter.

CHEQUE FORGERY CHARGES.

Said to be an Anglo-Indian, Joseph Mathew Kiley was this morning charged before Major Willson on four counts, as follows:—

(1) Stealing two blank cheques of the Mercantile Bank of India from the cheque book of Mr. E. K. Dovey, Government Analyst.

(2) Forgery of one of the cheques in the name of Mr. Dovey for the amount of \$80.

(3) Uttering the said cheque knowing it to be forged; and

(4) Forgery of a letter to the manager of the Mercantile Bank which was purported to have been signed by Mr. Dovey.

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector Andrews the hearing of the case was fixed for 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

As the result of being knocked down by a motorcar in Connaught Road West yesterday a cargo coolie sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to the hospital.

GREAT FLIGHT.

French Aviators Reach America.

EXCITEMENT OF THE CROWDS.

Paris, May 9. "New York, May 9.—At 2.35 local time Captain Nungesser, passed over Portland, Maine, flying to New York at a hundred miles an hour." The foregoing official announcement brought smiles to the faces and frantic cheers to the throats of thousands of anxious Parisians who suspended their normal activities all day long and flocked to the boulevards.

They besieged the newspaper offices displaying maps of the Atlantic and recording the weather conditions, to seek news of the national hero.

The crowds suffered alternate exaltation and dejection due to conflicting reports of the aviator's progress.

They subsided into deepest gloom when the earlier announcement of sighting at Cape Race was not confirmed and for several hours had practically abandoned hope when the announcement from Portland magically revived the country's spirits.—Reuter.

Welcome in America.

New York, May 9. The American imagination has been similarly stirred by the daring dash across of the inhospitable North Atlantic which has not been conquered since Sir John Alcock's performance in 1919.

Wireless stations all over the country operated continuously, hoping passing liners would report that Captain Nungesser had been sighted.

The newspapers are concerning their front pages to the flight, featuring weather reports showing how fair weather and gentle winds favoured the flier for the first 500 miles, after which adverse conditions with strong winds set in, accentuated by bad visibility.

Plans to extend a national welcome to the Frenchmen included an ascent of five Army aeroplanes from Boston patrolling the sea between Boston and Cape Anne to escort Captain Nungesser over Eastern Massachusetts.

At least thirty aeroplanes were prepared to greet the visitors at New York City.

Ultimately it was decided to abandon these plans owing to the decreasing visibility which raised the danger of a collision with the arriving plane.

A number of tugboats conveying a welcoming delegation of Frenchmen and municipal authorities proceeded down the bay at 2.30 in the afternoon but the anxious faces showed that hopefulness at that time was at a low ebb.—Reuter's American Service.

Where Are They?

New York, May 10. Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Captain Nungesser and his companion. No definite news had been received up to 8.30 a.m. local time. It is reported from Washington that after receiving official reports that Captain Nungesser's plane had been sighted off the New England Coast, the Navy Department was later advised by the Boston Navy Yard that machine's identity had not been established. The machine sighted might have been a coastguard plane en route to Gloucester, Massachusetts, while the authorities of the Nautical Observatory, St. John's Newfoundland, hold the opinion that Captain Nungesser may have descended among the fishing fleet on the Grand Banks and as none of the fishing vessels carry wireless, possibly no news may be received for two or three weeks.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

New York, May 9, 2.10 p.m. Nungesser has been sighted over Nova Scotia.—Reuter's American Service.

De Pinedo's Flight.

Boston, May 8. The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived here, escorted by eight naval aeroplanes, which joined him as he flew over Squantum air base near the city.—Reuter's American Service.

"STEEL HELMETS" PARADE.

Berlin, May 9. The General public took a very lukewarm interest in the "steel-helmet" demonstration yesterday, which concentrated before the ex-Kaiser's Palace. The leader of the steel helmets, Franz Seldte, ex-Lieutenant, mounted the steps of the National Gallery and made a speech to a dense mass.

Medalled demonstration from all parts of Germany helped with loud speakers in denouncing the Treaty of Versailles and demanding the restoration of the monarchist colours. Shouts of brave greeted the speech, which was followed by the hymn "Deutschlandlied".

The demonstrators dispersed quietly, escorted by mounted foot police, who, however, in the course of the day arrested 200 civilians for obstruction. Forty thousand spectators at the stadium last night watched a military display by the steel helmets followed by fireworks.—Reuter.

YUNNAN OUTRAGE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Absurd Chinese Protest?

Since it is manifest that the bombardment alone saved the lives of the unfortunate foreign residents the protest is absurd. That he should have thought it fitting to make one suggests that the inquiry is likely to be simply a means of exculpating General Cheng Chien, who, according to Sir Austen Chamberlain, was in command of the forces which took Nanking. Under the circumstances the foreign Powers are acting none too soon in ordering the immediate evacuation of several of the up-river ports along the Yangtze. If the barbarities of Nanking were deliberately planned there is no security against them wherever the Nationalist troops are in control, and the only possible precaution is to bring foreign residents into safety. It is a precaution which doubtless should have been taken at Nanking, and the country which assuredly be glad when Sir Austen Chamberlain can state that every British citizen has been not only advised but afforded the means to escape.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

American Catholic Mission Burned.

Peking, May 3. According to a message from Hankow dated the 7th the American Catholic Mission at Shengchow, West Hunan, has been looted and burned. The priests were forced to flee, but their whereabouts are unknown.—Reuter.

Madame Borodin.

Peking, May 9. The Ankouchun spokesman states that all the Russian prisoners including Madame Borodin, were to-day handed over to the local procuratorate.

It is understood that the public trial will open in a few days hence.—Reuter.

Troops Due On Monday.

The latest additions to the Shanghai Defence Force (Battalions comprised in the 15th Infantry Brigade) are due in Hong Kong on Monday and are expected to remain here for some time. They comprise the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, the 2nd Welch Regiment, the 1st/Queen's Royal Regiment and the 1st/Northampton and attendant Field Batteries of R.A.'s, R.E.'s Motor Transport Company of the A.S.C. and General Hospital, totalling in all some 5,000 officers and men. They are due here on the "City of Marseilles," the "Derbyshire," "Mevassa," the "Neuralis" and the "City of Poona." To prepare for their billeting locally, the Camerons have left the Peninsula Hotel and moved into the Rope Factory.

TRAFFIC CHARGES.

A RACE ROUND HAPPY VALLEY?

Before Major Willson at traffic time this morning, Mr. Mok Wing-tam was summoned for speeding and reckless driving in Happy Valley on April 11.

Mr. C. A. Grimes said he saw two motor cyclists racing round the valley. They went round five times at high speed. Witness took a stand between the Craigengower and the Police Club and when the riders came round the second time he was able to note the numbers of the machines both of which were owned by Mr. Mok. Mr. Grimes said he was unable to recognise the faces of the riders because they had their heads down.

Mr. Mok said he was not in the Colony on the day in question but said the machines were loaned to Mr. Charlie Leong and Mr. H. L. Quinn.

These two men denied however, that they had ridden the cycles around the valley.

The case was remanded. Mr. Mok was later charged by Sgt. Baker with speeding on April 4. The Sgt. said he was near the Dairy Farm's town office when he saw the defendant drive into Lower Albert Road at the high speed of 25 miles per hour.

Defendant said it was impossible for anyone to take that acute bend at such a high speed. He said he was going between 15 and 20 miles.

The Magistrate found that that was also a dangerous speed, and imposed a fine of \$15.

WEATHER FORECAST.

E. winds, moderate, overcast, occasional rain, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: barometer, 29.85; temperature, 70; humidity, 97; wind East, force 3.

GANG OF BULLIES.

COOLIES MADE TO PAY TRIBUTE.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning that they on various dates between Jan. and May did with others assault five other Chinese in order to compel them to pay two cents on every ten which they earned as casual truck coolies.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, who had charge of the case said that the complainants and defendants were all casual truck pullers who were unlicensed and therefore only did odd jobs. In December the defendants and others approached the complainants and informed them that if they wished to continue as truck pullers they would henceforth have to pay the defendants, out of their days' takings, two cents in every ten. The reason for this was that the complainants did not belong to defendants' gang. Being fewer in number, the complainants had no option but to meet the defendants daily on the Wing Lok wharf and hand over a percentage of their earnings. Even so they were not immune from being assaulted for whenever the defendants thought they were not receiving enough money they would beat the complainants, alleging that they had not made a truthful return of the amounts they had earned. Eventually the complainants could not stand this bullying any longer and made a complaint to the Inspector. He sent some detectives to the wharf yesterday and four men were arrested but two were released because there was insufficient evidence against them.

One of the complainants corroborated the Inspector's statement and said he always paid up to either of the defendants who were leaders of the gang.

Another complainant said he always paid his money to first defendant who was the "treasurer" of the gang. No. 2 was always there to "hand out the beating" to defaulters.

Mr. Lindsell: Oh! he is the chief bully.

No. 2 protested in a loud voice and the Magistrate told him to keep quiet or he would be committed for contempt of Court.

The evidence of the other complainants will be taken at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

TO KEEP THE PEACE.

ASSAULT CASE AMICABLY ENDED.

The West Point assault case in which three Shanghai Chinese were charged with assaulting a compatriot was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. Horace Lo, for the complainant, said that he was not going to press the charge mainly because his client wished that there should not be any bitterness between all the parties concerned. They were compatriots and should live peacefully together. The defendants had also taken a similar view of the matter and had paid the complainant \$200 in settlement of a business debt which was entirely outside the case in Court.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said: "I am instructed to ask your Worship as emphatically and respectfully as I can not to inflict any punishment on the defendants beyond binding them over in a very substantial manner for 12 months and also to give them such warning as may be deemed necessary. The whole reason for the complainant adopting this course is for personal security and for giving no cause for revenge, so that the complainant, defendants and everybody concerned may be able as compatriots to live in peace."

Inspector Grant raised no objection. Mr. Lindsell: I am binding over all three defendants in personal bonds of \$250 and a further security of \$250 each to keep the peace for 12 months. They are to clearly understand that this assault on the complainant is on record against them and if they create further trouble they would not only lose their \$500 each, but they are going to be sent to jail.

BACK FROM BANISHMENT.

Major Willson this morning sentenced a Chinese to eight months' jail for having returned from banishment after having been sent away for ten years on September 13, 1923.

According to Sub-Inspector Vincent the man served three months for stealing in 1921 and was banished. He returned in 1922 and after serving 12 months' hard labour was sent away for 10 years in 1923.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will meet at 2.30 p.m. this Friday.

A collision occurred in the harbour near Blake Pier yesterday afternoon between the steam launch "Kwong Fat," and a cargo boat. The junk was damaged to the extent of \$30. She was not in danger of sinking, however, and was towed away.

BRITAIN'S COLONIES.

"BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-OPERATION."

LONDON CONFERENCE HOPES.

London, May 9.

The importance of the Colonial Office conference of colonies and protectorates from the viewpoint of the colonies was stressed by Sir Edward Grigg and Sir Frederick Guggisberg, Governors of Kenya and the Gold Coast, respectively. The latter, interviewed by Reuter, declared that the colonies would have now a really big opportunity of securing co-operation between themselves.

Sir Edward Grigg was likewise sanguine as regards the conference. He stressed the opportunities of Kenya which would ultimately carry a large European population, the natives sharing in the development.

He expressed the opinion that a common system of research would greatly assist the whites and natives towards economic prosperity.—Reuter.

MAKING HAIR GROW.

EXPERIMENTS ON MICE WITH THYROID.

HEREDITARY PRINCIPLE.

The Edinburgh Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says:—

The rumour that Dr. Francis A. E. Crew of Edinburgh University, had discovered a cure for baldness was contradicted by Dr. Crew himself when interviewed at his laboratory at the animal breeding research department of the University.

Dr. Crew had no cure for baldness so far as man was concerned, he explained; his researches and his discoveries had been confined to mice.

The hope lay in the possibility that his theory, when experimentation is made, might be found applicable to man in the degree of correctness that Dr. Crew has found it applicable to mice.

Dr. Crew has been experimenting for the past two years with his mice. He has a wide range of kinds, from the common fur-clad variety known to us all to puny hairless specimens with a skin of pale pink hue.

He concentrated upon the mouse because of its fecundity and because it has the full characteristics of the problem he wished to solve.

He gets a fresh generation every eleven weeks, and as his theory is based on the assumption that baldness is hereditary, the circumstance of rapid reproduction is most helpful.

The establishment of the hereditary principle was only half of Dr. Crew's battle, but it is a most important one.

It localised the search for the ideal cure. In the case of the hairless mice Dr. Crew explained to me that at the age of three weeks these mice cast their coats which did not grow again.

Their progeny similarly were born with fur, but went bald at the same early stage of life. Dr. Crew has now traced the hereditary shortcomings to what he describes as an inefficiency in the functioning of the thyroid gland.

"I have proved by my experiments that this is the case," he declared "and I have replaced the hair by giving thyroid."

"My task of course, has been made scientifically simple by my quick breeding of mice and by my being able to arrange for a regular routine for the normal span of life—feeding heating light, etc."

"At the moment," continued Dr. Crew, "it is impossible to put men in the place of mice."

"At the same time it is more than a conjecture that the thinning of hair that comes to man with advancing years is due to the same characteristic of insufficiency of thyroid."

"The baldness of a young man of 30, however, is another matter. One does not know the cause of that but one does know that it is hereditary. I can go no farther than that; I have not experimented with man; my researches have been limited to the animal kingdom."

"If man could be kept under the same controlled conditions as my mice during an adequate period of investigation I have no doubt that science would solve the problem of hair in man."

"But the process must be a slow one and as I have tried to indicate science is a long way of yet from any generalisations that can be helpful to the hairless."

Dr. Crew, who is only 38 years of age has been director of the Animal Breeding Research Department and Lecturer in Genetics in the University of Edinburgh since 1921.

The manager of a rice shop in Lee Yuen Street has reported to the police that his shop has been abandoned with \$172, which he collected in behalf the shop.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

10 CASES OF TYPHOID.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was as follows:—

Small-pox: 4 deaths; 6 cases in all (2 from city, 4 from Kowloon), all Chinese (1 imported).

Diphtheria: 4 deaths; 6 cases in all (4 from city, 2 from Kowloon), all Chinese.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 5 deaths; 10 cases in all (8 from city, 1 from Kowloon, 1 from Shaikwan), 9 being Chinese and the other a Portuguese.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

THE MAN OF MYSTERY COMING.

From Thursday to Saturday the Queen's Theatre will offer a double attraction in Raffles, the man of mystery, and "Seven Chances," a Buster Keaton comedy of rare good fun.

The performance of the escape wizard combines in excellent proportions the elements of thrill and entertainment. The latter quality begins when the short motion picture reel, which introduces the act, is flashed upon the screen; it continues under the spell of "Raffles" magic personality, until his final bow.

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"REMINDS ONE OF JOB."

"The suffering of this man reminds one of Job," observed Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster coroner, recording a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind at a Westminster inquest on Willie Martyn Looman, formerly a cork merchant. Mr. Looman was found dead in a bath at Bruce House, Drury-lane. His throat had been cut.

"This poor man," said Mr. Oddie, "used to be in a good position, but his business went wrong, and he lost all his money and was penniless. In addition he was losing his sight, had consumption, and neurasthenia. There is no doubt that he would think he was the most miserable man that ever lived. I have come to the conclusion that his mind gave way owing to the troubles by which he was bowed down."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 10—Queen's Theatre; "The Tempest."

May 10—Star Theatre; "French Doll."

May 10—World Theatre; "Wind Force Nine."

May 10—Cafe Restaurant: Parisien Tea Dance, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.

May 11—"C" and "D" Coys of 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at the Cinema, Mt. Austin Barracks.

May 12—Buster Keaton in "Seven Chances."

May 13—Smoking concert at Volunteer Headquarters 9.15 p.m.

May 14—Opening performance of Isako's European Circus.

May 17—Star Theatre; The Wilbur Players in their latest comedies and dramas.

Sports.

May 11—Exhibition Tennis, H.K.C.C. 4 p.m. for M.C.L.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Auctions.

May 10—At Messrs. Lammet Bros. sales room, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

May 13—Another collection of postage stamps will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros. at their Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

May 14—Messrs. Lammet Bros. will sell by public auction at 5, Carnarvon Bldg., Kowloon valuable household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

May 10—General meeting of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Hong Kong branch, 57, Des Voeux Road Central, 5 p.m.

May 14—Fifth yearly meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., Des Voeux Rd., 11.30 a.m.

May 14—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.'s thirtieth meeting, St. George's Bldg., noon.

May 16—Meeting of Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

May 21—General meeting of shareholders of Douglas Co. Ltd., Co.'s Office, noon.

Miscellaneous.

May 10—Exhibition of Chinese Art: Lee Garden, East Point.

May 16—Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

May 17—Last debate of St. Peter's Young Men's Club, at Club House, 8.30 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

"C" and "D" Companies of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers are holding a dance at the Cinema, Mount Austin Barracks, tomorrow evening.

Lady Meneshdal Hormusji Mody wife of Sir Hormusji Mody, who died at Bombay, left local estate locally to the extent of \$578,000. Since the granting of the probate of the will it has been found that a further estate to the value of \$101,500 was owned by her in the Colony. The total local value is thus brought up to \$679,500.

An invention which, it is hoped, will revolutionise the gramophone industry, has been recently presented at the Sorbonne by Professor Pernot, head of the Phonetic Institute, and won great admiration, says a Paris correspondent. In brief, it is a record on a film instead of on a disc. The film roll of 40 yards in length can take as much as 40 ordinary discs, and the film is supple, therefore unbreakable, and of small volume. The film employed is used material from cinematograph productions. The inventors are Mr. H. J. Johnson, an American, who has lived for over 20 years in Paris, and his wife, a Frenchwoman. They have devoted many years to the working-out of their system.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes), preaching at the institution of the Rev. Henry A. Kennedy to the living of St. George's, Edgbaston, said that any hope that the new Prayer Book would bring peace and order to the Church seemed to me illusory. In another thirty years the tendency to make Holy Communion the centre and circumference of Christianity would be as incomprehensible to the large majority of churchmen as the doctrine of the verbal inspiration of Genesis was to most of them now. So far as he could see the position would be worsened if the new Prayer Book were authorised, for it would make legal a number of Catholic developments introduced into the English Church in the last fifty years, and regarded by Evangelicals as unsound.

The only case of notifiable disease reported to the local Medical Officer of Health yesterday was from the Kowloon registration district. The patient is a German with enteric fever (typhoid).



Mr. William Cameron, editor of Henry Ford's "Dearborn Independent," who testified in the million dollar libel suit brought against Ford by Aaron Sapiro, accepted full responsibility for publication of the articles and declared that Ford was not consulted in the matter.

Addressing the annual conference of the Science Masters' Association at Oxford, Professor H. H. Turner, Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford, dealt with the total eclipse of the sun, which will occur shortly after sunrise on June 29, when for the first time for over 200 years the sun's corona will be observable from a narrow belt stretching across England and North Wales. The track of the eclipse in June across England would stretch from Southport on the West Coast to the Hartlepoons on the east.

Through the courtesy of the Portuguese Government the Bishops taking part in the consecration of Monsignor Walsh will be conveyed to Sancian (St. John's) Island and back on board the "Patria." The ceremony takes place on May 22.

Commander Locker-Lampson, Conservative M.P. for Handsworth, speaking at Shipley, said we were reaping in China the fatal results of our long policy of vaccination. The criminals of the Moscow Kremlin were the true begotten of anti-British Bolshevism in Shanghai, yet we openly confirmed them in their hateful vendetta by the mad advantages which we weakly accorded them in the way of recognition. It was an alliance too lopsided and costly to continue. It must cease before the British Empire had been ruined, and leave England free again and unfettered to hit back and hit hard.

The Imperial Bureau of Entomology at the Natural History Museum, Kensington, has completed the purchase of a house at Farnham Royal, Bucks, where field work on an extended scale will be carried on. In a new laboratory to be established applied entomology will be practised for the benefit of agriculture, and researches will be made into animal pests. The Imperial Bureau and the Entomological Society of London, with which it is allied, are repeatedly called upon to solve difficult problems affecting Empire produce. One of the most recent relates to a moth, which caused enormous destruction in the coconut plantations of Fiji. Apparently the moth was an introduction to the country in the past two or three years, for coconuts had previously been grown there without difficulty. The scientists' task was to find the original home of the insect in order that its parasites might be imported into Fiji. Research having ended in failure, experts were sent out. Eventually a similar moth was found in the Malay States, which attacks coconuts and which has one fly parasite. This fly has now been imported into Fiji, and there is every indication that it is going to do great work. The moth is steadily losing its aggressiveness.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. R. P. King, Mrs. H. J. Patten, Mr. Wong Tong, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Vaz were among the passengers who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Siberia Maru" from San Francisco and ports.

Amongst important business women of the day few hold a post as difficult as Mrs. S. C. Brown, the wife of the inventor of the famous Brown gyro compass. As the director of the firm, she plays a great role in a rare conjugal combine. Her husband is the scientist and she is "the business man."

General Yang Hu, chief of staff to General Chiang Kai-shek and director of the Shanghai Gendarmerie, and Mr. Chen Chun, director of the political bureau of the Eastern Nationalist Army, on April 30 paid official calls on M. Naggiar, the French Consul-General, and Capt. Flori, the Chief of the French police.

Master of Oxenholme Stag-hounds for fifty years, formerly a noted breeder of hunters, and a successful gentleman rider at all hunt point-to-point meetings in the North of England, Mr. Charles Henry Wilson, of Oxenholme House, near Kendal, has died at the age of 80. His funeral was attended by members of twelve hunts and Masters of all the Lakeland packs.

Yellow is coming into favour by way of velvet for evening wear. Blondes favour the sunny shade particularly. One of the pretty models in yellow is viewable at the house of Drecon in Paris. It is made of pale tinted velvet—so delicate it is almost ivory. A girdle of rich gold braid studded with bronze ornaments holds the fullness of the skirt in front. The back of the model shows a bodice of black lace.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of Colonel John V. Campbell, V.C., D.S.O., died at their home, Broom Hall, Oswestry. Mrs. Campbell before her marriage—it took place at Wellington Barracks in 1904—was Dorothy, daughter of the late Mr. John Penn, founder of the Thames iron-works of that name, and for many years M.P. for Lewisham. Mrs. Campbell was a keen rider to hounds, the moving spirit of the Mid-Wales branch of the R.S.P.C.A., and a governor of Oswestry High School. There are two children—John. Ronald Campbell, who is with the Coldstream Guards in China, and a daughter, Miss Diana Marion Campbell.

Mr. Harry Bell, the popular advance manager of The Wilbur Players, the company which will open for a season at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, May 17, leaves for Manila tomorrow by the "President Garfield" to make arrangements for the company to play there after visiting Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong University Law Journal for April contains interesting articles on Chinese Marriage Law, translated by Dr. J. Fenton; "The Chinese, American and German Constitutions" by Prof. G. W. Keeton; "Some Features of the Customary Law of Annam" in relation to Chinese Law" (by N. V. Nguyen B.A.); "An Outline of Chinese Criminal Procedure" (by P. K. Foo); "The Development of Chinese Law" (by Tseng Chao Hua) and editorial comment on the Washington Conference resolutions and other topical matters of legal consequence.



Lady Isabelle Howard, wife of Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States.

MR. R. C. TREDWELL.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell, the Consul-General in Hong Kong for the United States of America, is going on leave tomorrow, sailing for home by the "Empress of Asia" via Vancouver. During his stay of a few years in the Colony, Mr. Tredwell has made himself very popular with all sections of the community. His many friends wish him a very pleasant holiday. Mr. Tredwell expects to be away for about four months. In his absence, Mr. Harold Shantz will be Consul in charge.

Prince Bismarck, a grandson of the great Chancellor, at the desire of the Nationalist Party, has entered the diplomatic service after gaining experience in an important post abroad. He is thirty years old. He will keep his Reichstag mandate, and be given a post in the German Foreign Office to begin with.

A well-known member of the Indian community, Mr. T. A. Mathani, of Messrs. Poohoomull Bros., leaves the Colony to-day for India on holiday and will be away for about a year. He was one of the representatives of the Indian community on the committee of welcome to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

It has been decided by the Home Government that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, shall make a tour of the Dominions in the coming autumn. He will leave at the beginning of August, soon after the rising of Parliament, and will spend some five or six months visiting all the Dominions. Other Colonial Secretaries and Under Secretaries have visited this or that Dominion or Colony, but a general tour is a new thing. The idea seems to be a sort of return visit for the Imperial Conference in London.

Rumours were spread at Vienna to the effect that Richard Strauss, who at present conducts in Germany, had fallen seriously ill at Dresden. It was even said that he had a stroke of apoplexy. His wife and Dr. Franz Strauss, his son, at once went to Dresden by aeroplane, and were immensely relieved to learn there that the news was absolutely untrue. Dr. Strauss was in the best of health, and had conducted a concert of his own works at Königsberg on the previous evening. The family intend to take legal proceedings against the authors of the statement.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong by the N.Y.K. "Siberia Maru" on May 9 from Los Angeles via ports were:—Mrs. M. M. King, Miss B. O'Hane, Mr. I. S. Reyes, Mrs. G. E. Reyes, Master N. I. Reyes, Mr. S. Inui, Mrs. S. Inui, Mr. T. Inui, Mr. E. B. Ward, Mrs. B. Ward, Mr. M. Kato, Mr. H. Wada, Mr. A. N. Yang, Mr. T. Corcoran, Mr. P. Andree, Mrs. C. Mellie, Miss V. Mellie, Miss B. A. Mellie, Mr. D. Naffaly, Mr. E. Almella, Mr. P. Yam, Tain-kan, Mr. A. Miyai, Mr. S. Kanda, Mr. M. Shimidzu, Mr. H. Shimidzu, Mr. S. Soga, Mr. Ree Jeang-wa, Mrs. Ree Poun, Miss Ree Shan, Mr. L. E. Forrens, Mr. Sung Gay, Mrs. Chang Gon-bee, Mr. Chong Lai-poo, Mrs. Ah Yee, Mrs. Y. Zia, Mr. G. Wai, Miss Z. S. Leck, Mr. A. B. Colisco, Mr. T. Kawamura, Mr. S. Matsuzaki.

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EUROPEAN ZONE TIE.

Barcelona, May 9.
In the European (eliminating round) zone of the Davis Cup international lawn tennis, Spain meets India and each side has won a match out of the total of five to be played.

Antonio Juanico (Spain) defeated A. H. Fyze (India) 3-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
K. Prasada (India) beat E. Plaquier (Spain) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.—Reuter.

Britain's Victory.

Birmingham, May 9.
Britain having already won the tie against Sweden by 3 matches to love, play was continued as follows:

Malmstrom (Sweden) defeated Kingsley (Britain) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Higgs (Britain) defeated Garrell (Sweden) 8-6, 8-6, 3-6, 9-7.
Britain thus won the tie by 4 matches to 1.—Reuter.

South Africa v. Ireland.

Dublin, May 9.
Play was also continued in the Ireland v. South Africa tie although South Africa had won (by 3 matches to love) the right to meet Britain in the next round. Details:

Condon (South Africa) beat Mahony (Ireland) 6-0, 8-6, 6-1.
Spence (South Africa) beat Mel-don (Ireland) 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4.
South Africa won by 5 matches to love.—Reuter.

"MADE" ORDER.

ORDINARY MORTALS IN GOLF.

WHAT MITCHELL SAYS.

Most ordinary mortals are rather of the "made" order of golfers, and in this connection one was reminded by the Oxford-Cambridge match how much the professional can do for the player.

The Oxford captain after a spell of poor form had recourse to Abe Mitchell and as a result of the tuition he received, he went into the match with an improved game and with restored confidence.

Last year J. H. Taylor did another University player a similar good turn.

After dipping into Mitchell's new book, which is called "Essentials of Golf," one appreciates how the expert fixes upon the faults to which golf flesh is heir, and sets out plain remedies for them.

Fundamental Errors.

Mitchell has written this book because of inquiries he has had from



Abe Mitchell, the famous British golf professional.

all parts of the world for cures for fundamental errors in the game. Its pages contain much practical advice and information.

Mitchell is himself one of the most powerful of hitters, and with his long hitting he maintains a consistent straightness. What he says about length in driving should interest readers.

Two Things in Driving.

It is only necessary to sit on a table and swing a club to realise this.

In driving, he writes, there are two things to be controlled—viz, the arms and wrists and the trunk to which the arms are attached. If the player has had control of his pose in the back swing, so that he can swing his arms freely and strongly in the down swing, great power will be felt. The secret of length lies in manipulation of the hips and in extra rigidity of the left side at impact.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

D. E. Carvalho (holder) and S. G. Hayes are now level in the play-off for the championship of the Kowloon Chess Club. Last week Hayes won and on Sunday Carvalho won.

The play-off is necessary as they tied at the top of the competition proper.

The third match will have to be played and falling a decision, further matches if necessary.

SINGLES FINAL.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY.

REPLAY ON FRIDAY.

With S. A. Rumjahn leading Ng Sze-kwong by 2 sets to 1, but behind by 4 games to 5 in the fourth set, the final in the open singles championship of the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament has been fixed for replay on Friday on the stand court, beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets already issued will hold good.

Yesterday's sparkling match was abandoned on account of failing light.

The match itself was one of the best—if not actually the best—tussle seen locally for years, being remarkable for its series of thrills.

S. A. Rumjahn deserves sympathy for just failing to clinch the issue when he had the upper hand with a lead of two sets to one and two games to love in the fourth set.

On the run of the play, Rumjahn was superior to Ng Sze-kwong but the latter must be congratulated for the way in which he hung on so tenaciously with the odds against him and averted what looked like an almost certain defeat.

Rumjahn's Advantage.

On a slippery ground, Rumjahn had the advantage in that he was swifter of foot and time and again beat Ng Sze-kwong at his own game. The Chinese placed wonderfully, keeping Rumjahn on the run most of the time, and when he had the Indian apparent-

M.C.L. TENNIS.

Change in the Exhibition Fixtures.

Owing to the indisposition of Miss Enid Lo, Mrs. Miles has consented to play in the exhibition tennis matches in aid of the Ministering Children's League to-morrow at 4 p.m., on the H.K.C.C. stand court.

The matches will now be:—
Mrs. Tottenham and Mr. M. K. Lo v. Mrs. Miles and Major Lucas, R.A.M.C.

Colonel C. Russell-Brown, R.E. and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. Mr. S. A. Rumjahn and Mr. H. D. Rumjahn.

ly out of position, would drop one of his favourite "teasing" shots just over the net, only to find him on the spot. Employing the same tactics, Rumjahn invariably secured the point, as more often than not Ng Sze-kwong found himself hopelessly out of reach.

The first set went to 16 games and occupied an hour before it was decided in Ng Sze-kwong's favour. The first two games went to the Chinese, Rumjahn offering little opposition. Each player then took a game on his opponent's service until the eighth, when Rumjahn, having "warmed up" was driving and smashing beautifully and drew level at 4-4. Ng Sze-kwong kept his lead, however, and at 8-7 broke through Rumjahn's service to take the set at 9-7.

Each Led in Turn.

The first game of the second set was a long duel and deuce: had been called four times before Rumjahn took it. The Indian never looked back from this stage, taking game after game in splendid, aggressive style. Out-driving the Chinese and showing a superiority in all departments, he took the set without conceding a single game.

By taking the first game of the third set, Rumjahn led for the first time during the match. Ng Sze-kwong soon established himself again, securing the next two games with comparative ease. Rumjahn was not to be out-done, and in the following six games he only lost one, taking the set at 6-3.

Ng Sze-kwong Recovers.

In the fourth set, Rumjahn was striving hard to finish matters, as it was apparent that with the darkness setting in, the game would have to be left unfinished should the score be taken to two sets all.

Ng Sze-kwong appeared to have recovered his breath and was, surprisingly, forcing the play, while Rumjahn lost the "edge" in his drives, being satisfied to merely return the ball. When the score stood at 2-6, it was

COUNTY CRICKET.

LEICESTER WINS IN TWO DAYS.

SOME LOW SCORES.

London, May 9.
At Worcester, Worcestershire lost in the county cricket championship to Leicestershire by five wickets, the match being over in two days. Scores:—

Worcester (1st innings) 148 runs. M. F. S. Jewell made 53; Skelding took 4 wickets for 52 runs.
Leicester (1st innings) 141 runs. Root took 6 wickets for 45 runs and Tarbox 4 for 49.
Worcester (2nd) 83 runs. Astill took 6 wickets for 30 runs and Shipman 3 for 15.
Leicester (2nd) 91 runs for 5 wickets.—Reuter.

CHAMPION ROXER.



Pete Latzo, the welterweight boxing champion of the world, who has signed articles to defend his title against Joe Dundee. The fight will take place in New York this month.

SUNDAY GOLF.

OUTCRY AGAINST COUNCIL DECISION.

Brighton.—Popular outcry has been aroused by a decision of the Brighton Town Council to permit Sunday golf on Hollingbury municipal links. The decision was arrived at by twenty-five votes to seventeen.

The links are used on Sundays by hundreds of visitors and Brightonians and their families for walks and picnics, but from now on no bunker will be a safe haven for courting couples, no gorse bush will be guard against flying balls, and it is even contended that the language of the golfers will preclude nursemaids taking babies for an airing as hitherto.

The council may be asked to reverse their decision in the near future.

Two Finals Decided.

The final of the open doubles (S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn v. T. Honda and H. Akiyama) will be played next Monday at 4 p.m. and not on Thursday. The presentation of prizes follows. The M.C.L. exhibition games are still down for to-morrow at 4 p.m.

Two interesting finals were played yesterday. In the mixed doubles handicap, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham won from H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. M. Hall in two straight sets. In the handicap singles "B," R. Guy Wilkerson had an easy victory over J. R. Collis.

Yesterday's Results.

Handicap Singles "A" (4th round).—L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6) beat R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) 6-0, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B" (final).—R. Guy Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) beat J. R. Collis (rec. 5/6) 6-0, 6-3.
Mixed Doubles (final).—Dr. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (owe 15/2) beat H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. M. Hall (owe 1/6) 7-5, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles (final).—Ng Sze-kwong v. S. A. Rumjahn.
Club Championship (3rd round).—L. Forster v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

Handicap Singles "A" (4th round).—C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6).
Handicap Doubles (4th round).—M. Henderson and A. Brooker (owe 3/6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Jewell (owe 2/6).

OBITUARY.

SURG. LIEUT. COMDR. G. AUBREY.

YESTERDAY'S FUNERAL.

The death of Surg. Lieut. Comdr. G. Aubrey of H.M.S. "Tamar" came as a great shock to his many friends in Hong Kong. Deceased was admitted to hospital about three weeks ago, with pneumonia stated to be the result of a chill contracted on attending a motor car accident in the New Territories. The case being urgent, deceased made the journey after a round of golf without changing his clothes, and the chill was contracted as a result.

Up to the morning of his death deceased was stated to be making favourable progress and it was understood that the crisis was passed when a relapse occurred with fatal results.

Deceased leaves a widow with whom the sympathy of a wide circle of friends among the naval and civilian community will go out in her bereavement.

The funeral took place yesterday evening, among those present at the graveside ceremony being Rear-Admiral Boyle, Major General C. C. Luard (G.O.C.), Commodore Pearson and representatives from all Naval and Military units in Hong Kong.

The procession was headed by the firing party and guard of 50 men drawn from the fleet under the command of Lieut. Isaacs of H.M.S. "Dragon," followed by the band of H.M.S. "Frobisher" and the gun carriage which was drawn by men of H.M.S. "Titanic" and submarine ratings. Lieut. Comdr. Baxter being in charge.

The Rev. G. H. S. Hewitt, Chaplain to the Fleet, conducted the service.

The Wreaths.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Commodore J. L. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson; Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Blair; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. S. Jarvis; Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald Child; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Frank; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Alderman; Commander and Mrs. Villiers Sankey; Mrs. S. S. Strahan, W. Leslie Thomas, Murdoch Nicolson and Bunje; Mr. L. R. Andrews; Kit Sang and Ah Yau. Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Tamar," Medical Officers and Staff, H.M.S. "Tamar" and Dockyard Surgery; Royal Dockyard and Admiralty Technical Officers Association; C.C.'s Office Staff; Clerical and Drawing Office Staffs of the Chief Engineer's Department, H.M. Dockyard; The Agreement Employees Association; Royal Dock Yards Professional Officers Association (Hong Kong Branch); Naval Store Clerical Writing and Storehouse Staff; Dockyard Recreation Club; Commodore's Department, H.M. Naval Yard; The Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. "Tarantula" and Ship's Company; Royal Naval Yard Police (Indian); Capt. and Officers, H.M.S. "Frobisher"; Officers and Staff of the Royal Naval Armament Depot; Officers of the Chief Engineer's Department; H.M. Dockyard; S.E.E.'s Department; the King's Own Scottish Borderers; Staff of the Expense Accounts Department; The Principal and Superior Officers, H.M. Naval Yard; Torpedo Depot Staff; Royal Naval Yard Police, Sick Berth Staff, R.-N. Hospital.

FATAL CRASH.

INQUIRY INTO A LORRY ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsay and a jury composed of Messrs. E. S. Abraham (foreman), J. A. B. Silva and Yeung Wing-sek, held an inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman who was killed on April 25 as the result of a motor lorry on which she and six male coolies were riding, plunging down an embankment near the tram terminus at Shaukiwan. The driver and the six coolies were severely injured, while the woman was killed outright.

From the evidence given by Mrs. M. Toms, it appears that the motor lorry, which was laden with coolies, was coming down the new motor road at Shaukiwan. There were about six or seven persons going up at the time. These pedestrians were on the inner side of the road and were just rounding a sharp bend. The lorry was thus placed on the outer side of the road and in trying to avoid the pedestrians, it swerved and crashed over the side of the hill. All those who were on the lorry at the time were injured.

After a Chinese had deposited the lorry, passed a funeral procession on the "inside" of the road and then disappeared round a bend, the Coroner pointed out that a Euro-pean lady had said that the procession was passed on the "outside." The witness volunteered to call a Chinese man to hear out his evidence and the inquiry was adjourned until Monday next.

CLOUDY BEER.

A 7,000-YEARS-OLD PROBLEM.

SOLVED BY SCIENCE.

A common complaint among lovers of good beer—its cloudiness—was discussed by delegates to the Royal Microscopical Society at Liverpool at their annual conference. Mr. J. Ross Mackenzie said authorities had traced the history of beer back to 5,000 B.C., and in those early days brewers were hampered by inability to produce beers that were free from cloudiness. To-day the manufacture of beer was rightly regarded as an art and a science.

The eye of the consumer played a very prominent part in the evolution of a commodity, and more so in the case of beer than probably any other commodity. The demand for beers free from cloudiness became insistent, and, thanks to the groundwork of earlier scientists and the sustained efforts of their successors, that demand, Mr. Ross Mackenzie claimed, was now fully met.

Speaking of the demand for a "pure beer"—a beer brewed from British malt and hops only—Mr. Ross said the interpretation by the public of the term "pure" in this connection is erroneous. A beer brewed wholly from British malt of the highest quality would contain an excess of crude nitrogen which would provide nutrient for the development of disease-producing micro-organisms and cause a persistent cloudiness. The public would refuse to accept such a beverage.

RESCUE SCENE THRILLS.

King George III's Residence In Flames.

Thrilling rescue scenes occurred at a fire which partly destroyed the famous Gloucester Hotel at Weymouth, formerly the residence of King George III.

Some of the guests threw their jewel cases from the bedroom windows and escaped in their nightclothes.

Miss M. Savile and her nurse were awakened on the fourth floor by the fire alarm and climbed along a parapet a foot wide, 80 feet above the street.

George Dicker, the 18-year-old "bookie," climbed a waterpipe and helped the women separately along the slanting parapet, with their faces to the wall, and brought them to the roof, from which they were rescued by a ladder.

Another hotel servant climbed to the top of the building and broke the windows of the attic where the servants were sleeping and brought them ladders.

A detachment of Marines and blue-jackets, landed from H.M.S. "Tiger," acted as a salvage corps.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE TEMPTRESS" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

While in Europe filming "Mare Nostrum," Moreno talked over the role in "The Temptress" with Ibanez, whom he visited at the latter's villa in France. Moreno was intensely interested in the role, and he and Ibanez worked out every detail of it.

Fred Niblo, directing the production, suggested that Moreno bear in mind the author's ideas throughout, hence Ibanez, in a way, really directed Moreno in the scenes.

The new production, is a vivid romance of Paris and South America. Greta Garbo, famous Swedish screen beauty, plays the title role as the strange and beautiful charmer who wrecks a man's lives. Moreno plays the principal male role. Fred Niblo directed it at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio with a notable cast that included Lionel Barrymore, Roy D'Arcy, Marc McDermott, Armand Kaliz, Hector V. Sarno, Inez Gomez, Alys Murrell and other well known screen players.

WORLD THEATRE.

"HURRICANE" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

This film which has been given the alternative title of "Wind Force 9" is from the UFA studios of Germany and photographically is all that could be desired, while the story, which deals with a missing will is handled excellently. The names of the players are not well known, but those who have an eye for such things, knew that the German best is good indeed.

One of the strongest scenes is that in which the girl and her lover are on the open sea in a derelict motor boat, which comes within range of a battle fleet carrying out target practice.

This is a film worth seeing, for its tempo is somewhat different to the American productions and is indicative of the advances the continental studios are making in the cinema-art.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 10, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	210 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 3/4
Hongkong Bank	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
do. London	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Chartered Bank	420	420	420
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	430	430	430
do. C.	413 1/2	413 1/2	413 1/2
P. & O. Bank	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Bank of East Asia	68	68	68
Marine Insurance			
Canton Insurance	\$600	\$600	\$600
China Underwriters	80 cts	80 cts	80 cts
North China Insurance	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Union Insurance	201 1/2	201 1/2	201 1/2
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 1/2	\$38 1/2	\$38 1/2
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance	205	205	205
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	600	600
Shipping			
Douglases	31	31	31
Hongkong Steamboats	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	1.10	1.10
Indo-China (Prof)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	31	31	31
Shell Transports	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Star Ferries	52	52	52
Water-boats	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Refineries			
China Sugars	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Malayan Sugars	31	31	31
Mining			
Benguet	1.70	1.70	1.70
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
do. (Single)	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	14	14	14
Shanghai Loan	7	7	7
Raub's	4	4	4
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	98	98	98 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks	38	38	38
Hongkews	135	135	135
New Engineerings	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Shanghai Docks	103	103	103
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.05	7.05	7.05
Hongkong Lands	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Hongkong Realty	6	6	6
H.K. Territories	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Prince's Building	89	89	89
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills			
Ewo Cottons	7.70	7.70	7.70
Oriental	2	2	2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	51	51	51
do. (new)	26	26	26
Miscellaneous			
Canton Ices	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	7	7	7
do. (old)	6	6	6
do. (new)	1	1	1
China Buses	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
China Lights (comb.)	9	9	9
do. (old)	6	6	6
do. (new)	4	4	4
China Prov.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Dairy Farms	15	15	15
Der A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusements	19	18 1/2	18 1/2
H.K. Constructions	2.30	2	2
Hongkong Electric	52	52 1/2	52 1/2
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Lane, Crawford's	7	7	7
Macao Electric	35	35	35
Mackintosh	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Nanyang Tobacco	9	9	9
Peak Trams (old)	15	15	15
do. (new)	8	8	8
Sinceres	9	9	9
Singapore Trams	10/6	10/6	10/6
Taxis	1	1	1
United Alabaster			
do. (Founders)	600	600	600
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	18
Watsons	11	11	11
Wm. Powells	6	6	6

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RADIO TOPICS

SHORT v. LONG.

ROOM FOR BOTH WAVE
SYSTEMS.

RUGBY NOT "OBSCULESCENT."

There is a disposition, in some quarters, to use the outstanding success of the new short-wave beam station, in seven days' direct communication with Australia, as a club to belabour the long-wave Rugby station, which is described as "extravagant" and "obsolescent before it started working," writes the wireless correspondent of the Observer.

The truth of the matter is that there is no antagonism between the two systems. Each has its special purpose, and one is the complement of the other. A powerful long-wave station can broadcast news, warnings, telegrams, or any other matter, in all directions, so that they may be picked up by ships at sea or by land stations spread over a very wide area. The short-wave beam station, in which the radiation is concentrated as are the rays of a searchlight, can use less power, because of the concentration, and because short waves, in certain circumstances, cover long distances better than long waves; and carry on direct communication with very distant points, but with no others, save only some in the direct line of the beam. No matter how highly the beam station is developed, the long-wave station will still have its wide uses; and no matter how the long-wave station is developed, the beam station is likely to continue to be the cheapest possible method of direct communication with very distant points.

Between the short radio wave and the long there is no fundamental difference; but they behave in very different ways. They both travel at the same speed—186,000 miles a second, the speed of light. So far as we know, the useful portion of the long wave keeps close to the earth throughout its almost instantaneous flight. The "drag" of the earth gives it a slight forward tilt. It travels better over water than over land.

The "Heavyside Layer."

The short wave, on the other hand, has its earth-bound portion very quickly absorbed. Other portions of the wave leave the earth and strike against that vast electrical "sound-board" known as the "Heavyside Layer," which is suspended some ninety miles above the surface of the earth. From this layer it is reflected back to the earth, and reflected from the layer yet again and again. In this way enormous distances can be covered with very low power, and equally well over land or water. Probably the concentration of such short waves into a beam has little effect on the rapid absorption of the earth-bound portion; but as the major part of the power radiated is projected in one direction the reflected portion of the wave is much more powerful at the receiving station than it otherwise would have been. This concentration of energy comes one of the chief difficulties in short-wave working, the unequalness of the reflecting capability of the Heavyside Layer at different times of the day and during different periods of the year.

The physicists who experimented with etheric vibrations in the early days of their discovery used very short waves. They were radiated from short rods, and the length of wave sent out was directly proportional to the length of these aerials. Thus two rods each a metre long would radiate a wave with a length of two metres, or four metres, depending on how they were excited. Senatore Marconi, when he came to the practical application of these radiations, found that the short waves would not travel far, and, forced to use longer waves, he invented the type of radiating rod or aerial which had one end connected to the earth. The earth, in fact, took the place of one of the rods as originally used by Hertz. This is the type of aerial which is familiar to all broadcast listeners and is used, with variations in the earth arrangements, by all the long-wave and high power stations of the world. When such an aerial is short, it radiates almost equally well in all directions; but when it is long it has a considerable directional effect, the greatest power going out in a line with the direction of the aerial.

Short Waves and Long Distances.

With the growth of commercial wireless there grew up a body of amateur experimenters who followed Marconi and other practical scientists, and strove to improve on their methods. As commercial wireless grew more and more important, a world communication, steps had to be taken to regulate the work of these amateurs, and they were restricted to the short waves for their experimental work, there then being no commercial work much below 300 metres. To the astonishment of these amateurs, they discovered that the lower they went on the wavelength scale the further were the places with which they could communicate.

They were so remarkably successful with the very low power allowed to them that, within a few years, there was, first, fairly regular communication between amateurs in this country and the United States and, later, with Australia and New Zealand and every part of the civilised world. The amazing discovery of the amateurs had made may be judged from the fact that short wave signals on about 40 metres wavelength have frequently been projected over three thousand miles to the United States with little more power than is needed to light an ordinary flash-lamp bulb, and signals have been exchanged with Australia using no more power than is required for the lighting of an ordinary household electric lamp.

A Cheap and Reliable Service.

These amateur successes directed the attention of the commercial concerns back to the short-wave; but, in their unqualified form, they are not so useful for commercial work or the longer waves, because even when high power is used the variations of the condition of the ether make regular communication throughout the twenty-four hours an impossibility. On 40 metres, for instance, work with the U.S.A. and Canada is impossible during daylight. Communication may be carried out by the use of several, alternative waves, since one wavelength band will often provide a channel when the other is closed; but this is not convenient, and it is unlikely that the great certainty of the longer waves will be seriously menaced by short waves for general wireless communication. For directional communication to one particular station there is little doubt that the short waves, concentrated as a beam, should provide a cheap and reliable service, since such a service is little less secret than the cable or landline, and can be operated at very small cost as compared either with a cable or a high-power station which is required to radiate in all directions. Such stations, if indeed they do prove reliable, will completely solve the problem of swift inter-Empire communication.



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RELIGION & RADIO.

SIR J. REITH ON NEED FOR
SERVICE.

Sir John Reith, addressing the Congress of the National Union of Students, held at Bristol, spoke of the upsetting of old standards and the consequent need of educational service. The things that ought to satisfy had failed, he said, or perhaps it was that we could not reach them. Folly was set in great dignity. We had to find something likely to give a satisfaction that was permanent and complete in spite of confusion.

In the search for reality, in the search for truth, and in the search for wisdom, we were brought to some thought of religion. It had been said that there were three pathways by which a man came to Religion—when he was baffled practically, thrilled emotionally, or at the end of his intellectual tether. But the man in the street did not today find much to help him in religion. He found that there was much to repel, humbug and inconsistency, rituals and dogmas, much that was cold and lifeless and unpractical.

Without any reserve he maintained that idealism inspired and conditioned by religious faith was an essential part of the make-up of any young man who desired to be truly successful, in every sense of the word, in the world to-day.

Diverging for a moment, he said that his experience in broadcasting had at any rate satisfied him that Britain was fundamentally religious at heart, and that if real religion, stripped of the attendant embarrassments with which it was too commonly associated, were presented to the people on those lines, it was accepted and welcomed, and to-day we knew that there was no more highly or appreciated part of the broadcast programmes than that which dealt with religion in that way.

WIRELESS TO SIAM.

The German Telefunken firm has been successful in obtaining the contract for the new wireless station in Bangkok. There have been three stations in this country for a number of years, but they have not been capable of transmitting messages effectively to Europe. Now it has been decided to have a station for short wave, duplex, and high-speed working between Siam and Europe. Tenders were obtained from the leading British, French, and German companies. The Marconi Company quoted £66,153 for the beam system and £29,163 for a system of omnidirectional communication. The Compagnie Generale de T.S.F. wanted £13,785 gold dollars, plus 20,000 ticals, plus Customs duty and landing charges. The Telefunken firm quoted £25,000, which included everything, and they have secured the contract.

SPECULATION BY WIRELESS.

Paris, April 7.
A foreign gang of speculators, including two Russians and two Letts have been utilising an unlicensed wireless set to transmit false exchange quotations to Berlin, Amsterdam, and Russia. It is reported that they made a profit of several millions francs on the Latvian rouble alone. The authorities propose to expel them and the French Post Office is instituting proceedings.

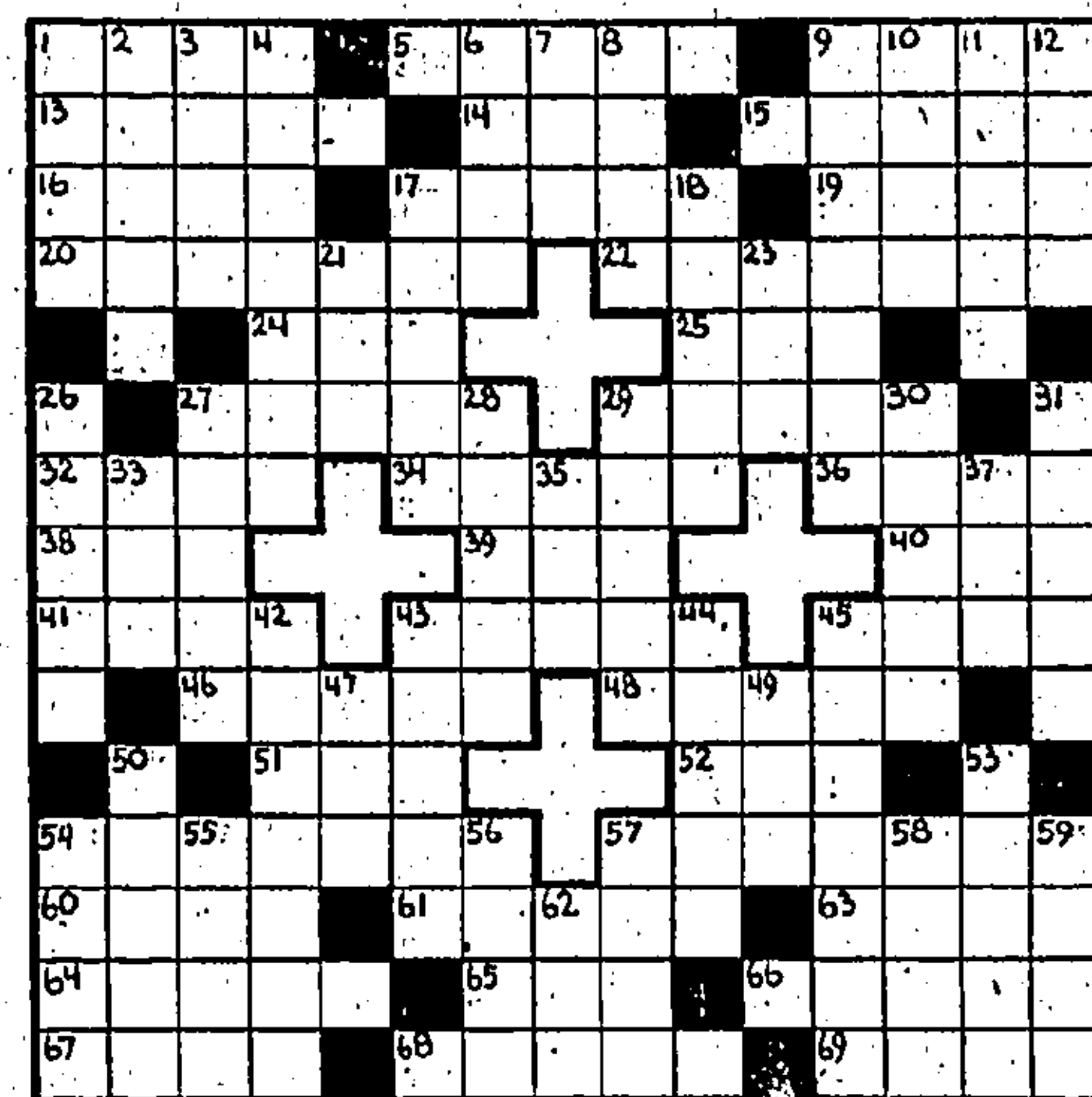
DOCTOR'S WIRELESS ADVICE.

A Paris physician, Dr. Imbert, received a letter from an American patient in New York saying that he wanted to consult the doctor by telephone. Dr. Imbert went to London and got into wireless communication with New York and had three minutes' conversation with his patient and four minutes' with his New York medical advisers. The cost of the seven minutes' conversation came to about £36.

The Beethoven centenary programme broadcast by the B.B.C. was played at the studio and not at the Bishopsgate Institute, E.C.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
1-Short blast
6-Defused with drink
9-Expense
13-An eagle's nest
14-Calendar (abbr.)
15-A city, Maryland, U. S. (abbr.)
16-Country road
17-A pewee
18-Mexican coin
20-A green gem
22-Crystallized carbon
24-Long braid of hair
25-Prefix. Three
27-A fox-like carnivore
28-To incline
32-Sediment
34-Material for veils
36-Discoverer of Greenland
38-An insect
39-Deacon (abbr.)
40-Man's name
41-To change, as the wind
43-Ago (post.)
45-A son of Adam
46-Ruslan monetary unit
48-To palliate
51-A sack
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
52-A well-known disease (plag.)
54-A famous sultan of Egypt
57-More savage
60-Interjection
61-An evil spirit
63-A small mark
64-A branch (Latin)
65-Male child
66-To denude
67-To slush
68-To one side
69-Ceases
- VERTICAL**
1-Combining form.
2-A famous Japanese soldier
3-Department, N. W. France
4-Cake
6-Frosted, as cake
7-An animal's foot
8-Slipped
9-A fish purplish-red color
10-Combining form. Oil
11-To tolerate
12-Narrated
17-To double in narrow folds
18-To give a name to
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
21-A northern diving bird
23-A constellation
26-To toll
27-To thin out
28-To poke with the elbow
29-Inelegant popular language
30-A class of people
31-Part of the head
38-Point of compass (abbr.)
39-A constellation
37-Wrath
42-The sound of a drum
43-Chilly
44-Partaining to elves
45-An azure-blue mineral
47-Wicked
49-Diminutive suffix
50-Mother of Ishmael (Bible)
53-Noblesse
54-Sergeant (abbr.)
55-A Tibetan priest
56-A suffix of nouns
57-Loving
58-One of the grains
59-Sharp blow
62-Me (French)

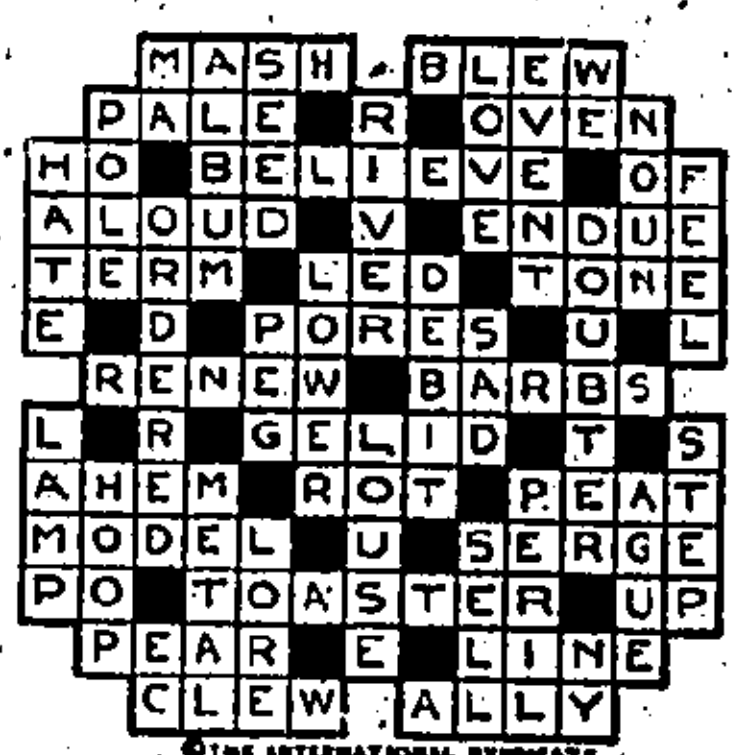
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

RADIO IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The African Broadcasting Company has been registered with a capital of £50,000, and will begin broadcasting from Johannesburg shortly. The company will subsequently open stations at Bloemfontein, in Rhodesia, and in Portuguese East Africa.

To prevent piracy the Government is compelling wireless dealers to render monthly lists of persons buying sets. The Union Government will have two directors on the board, and the programmes will include vaudeville and other theatrical items.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, MAY	Per
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	10	Chung King.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	11	Pres. Garfield.
Straits	11	Fooksang.
Shanghai	11	Shantung.
Australia & Manila	14	Taiying.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 14th April, & parcels 7th April)	14	Kashmir.
SUNDAY, MAY	15	
Straits	15	Fushimi Maru.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	16	Pres. Cleveland
MONDAY, MAY	16	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	20	Empress of Canada.
FRIDAY, MAY	20	
Japan & Shanghai	24	Kashima Maru.
Australia & Manila	24	Tango Maru.
TUESDAY, MAY	24	
Japan	24	Mishima Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, MAY	Per
Sam Shui & Wuchow	10	Kwong Foon
Swatow	10	Mingsang
Manila	10	President Garfield
Amoy	10	Sunning
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 20th May & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (11th) 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.	11	Empress of Asia.
WEDNESDAY, MAY	11	
Swatow	11	Kingyuan
Javia via Sourabaya	11	Tjisondori
Shanghai	11	Chengtu
Amoy	11	Fooksang
THURSDAY, MAY	12	
Bangkok	12	Chinhua
Straits	12	Cremer
Wei Hai Wei	12	Hulchow
FRIDAY, MAY	13	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	13	Hai Hong
Shanghai	13	Shantung
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden & Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 11th June. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (14th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	14	Nellore.
SUNDAY, MAY	14	
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	14	Lai Sang.
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco 10th June & Europe via Siberia. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	15	Siberia Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	15	Kaijo Maru

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

NIGHT CRASH.

Passengers Believed Drowned.

STEAMBOATS' RESCUE.

Full information is not yet available as to last night's collision between the river steamer "Leung Kwong" and the ex-trawler "Moonshine" off Ma Wan Light, in Capatimun, the western entrance to Hong Kong harbour. Until some of those rescued got back from Kongmoon to-night, it is not possible to say what is the result of the sinking of the "Leung Kwong," an old steamboat that has been on the river run for years. The Chinese coxswain of the "Moonshine," however, believes that a number must have been drowned.

A Heavy Blow.

About 6.30 p.m., the "Leung Kwong" left Hong Kong for Kongmoon with passengers and cargo. Including the passengers and crew, there may have been anything up to 300 souls on board. A Captain Wilson is in command, but there are other river skippers of this name.

The "Moonshine," running as a ferry between Lin Tin Island and Hong Kong was steaming east through Capatimun and the steamboat was going west.

All that is known is that the "Leung Kwong" was across the "Moonshine's" bow, being heavily struck on her starboard bow.

Sank Rapidly.

The impact was such that the "Leung Kwong" made water rapidly and listed, the "Moonshine" being damaged in her bow. Captain Wilson made an attempt to beach the "Leung Kwong" but the distance and the damage combined to frustrate this.

Very soon the "Leung Kwong" was sinking, passengers were in the water and the "Moonshine" had gone alongside to do what she could.

Captain Wilson was picked up by the "Moonshine" together with some of the passengers. The "Moonshine" came on to Hong Kong and made a brief report.

No news is at present available about the chief officer or the chief engineer.

Other Steamers Help.

Two other Hong Kong-Kongmoon steamboats were near the "Leung Kwong" when the collision occurred. They had left Hong Kong at about the same time.

The s.s. "On Lee" saved a fairly large number of people with her lifeboats and buoys and the "Kwong Fook Cheong" also rescued a number.

After doing all they could, these two steamers continued on their voyage to Kongmoon. They are due back late to-night when further news will be available.

The "Leung Kwong" sank in such deep water that only a foot of her funnel was showing to-day.

CLASS WAR.

MOSCOW AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

Riga, May 8.

The Soviet press gives prominence to explanations of the Geneva Economic conference and says it is necessary to co-operate with Capitalism until the Soviet's Economic system of constructive socialism is developed. The Soviet will use the Economic Conference as an object lesson to prove to the proletariat that the only methods of solving the problem of raising are merciless class warfare and revolution. Reuter.

FANLING GOLF.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's May competition for the Captain's Cup (played at Fanling last weekend in very windy weather) resulted—
Wood 84-15-79 qualified.
Other scores were—W. L. Dunbar 89 (less 8) 81; T. D. E. Pendered 85 (less 8) 82; J. S. MacLaren 94 (less 12) 82; T. G. Bennett 94 (less 8) 86.
There were 27 entries.
The Optional Pool drew 8 entries. Captain H. P. Bloxham being the winner with a score of 81 (less 7) 74.

FLOOD PERIL.

THREAT TO THE "SUGAR BOWL."

EFFORTS TO SAVE LEVEE.

New Orleans, May 9.

Louisiana's richest agricultural section, styled the "Sugar Bowl" owing to the large quantity of sugar grown there, is threatened with inundation from waters piled up against Bayou des Glaises levee seeking an outlet to the sea.

Hundreds of men are working on the levee and a rescue fleet is standing by. If a crevasse is made at Bayou des Glaises 4,000,000 acres will be flooded and a quarter of a million made homeless.—Reuter's American Service.

Fearful Blizzards.

New York, May 9.

Torrential rains and blizzards in several Western States have killed scores and made many homeless.

The storm was heralded by a funnel-shaped cloud which swept Central Kansas, killing eleven. A tornado in Central Missouri killed several women and children.

Several perished in a wind storm at Garland Texas.

The Rocky Mountain States are blanketed in heavy snow, which is extremely rare at this late season.—Reuter's American Service.

AVIATOR INJURED.

Canberra, May 9.

An aeroplane which was participating in this afternoon's review before the Duke and Duchess of York crashed, the pilot being seriously injured.—Reuter.

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